



# Wallace E. Hudson Jr.

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### **W**allace E Hudson, Jr. (Wally)

Wallace E Hudson Jr., Wally, of Lewes, DE, died Sunday, December 22, 2024. He was born October 12, 1945, in St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, the oldest of five children to Wallace E and Edna C. Hudson. After living in South Philadelphia for three years, the family moved to Haddon Heights, NJ.

At some point, Wally had attended all the public schools in Haddon Heights, and graduated in 1963 from Haddon Heights High School. He participated in Cub and Boy Scouts, the Vagabonds Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, and community baseball and basketball in both Little League and Babe Ruth League.

Following high school, he attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC and then transferred to Rutgers University in Camden, NJ, where he earned a degree in Economics in 1967. While at Rutgers, he lettered for three years in soccer, organized and was president of the Varsity Club, served as sports editor of both the school newspaper and yearbook, and was a member of Kappa Sigma Upsilon fraternity.

Upon graduation from Rutgers, he began a career in journalism with the Lebanon Daily News (PA). Two months later, he was drafted into the US Army and spent 14 months in Vietnam, during which time he earned the Army Commendation Medal.

In 1971, Wally became a reporter for the Reading Eagle (PA) and later was named the business editor. At one point in his career with the Reading Eagle, he gained a national reputation as the lead reporter during the initial days of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in 1979. The Reading Eagle won the AP National Managing Editors Conference Award for news reporting and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.



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Following his newspaper days, Wally worked in public relations for Carpenter Technology Corporation in Reading, PA, and later for Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster PA, before moving to Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, DE. Wally retired in 2011, as Vice President of Corporate Affairs. He was also President of the Beebe Physician Network.

While in Delaware, at one time or another, he served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Delaware, United Way of Sussex County, Lewes Chamber of Commerce, president of the Lewes-Rehoboth Rotary Club, as well as a member of Delmarva Council of the Boys Scouts of America.

When he returned from Viet Nam he married Betty Carol Ungemach on August 30, 1969, in Campbelltown, PA. They have three children: Andrew, of Mukwonago, WI, wife: Leah. Timothy, of Newark, DE, wife: Holly; and Stephanie, of Lewes, DE. He has six granddaughters: Natalie Alexis (21) and Melanie Allyssa (18) of Newark; Abigail Lynne Whitcomb (17) and Lyla Clara Whitcomb (11) of Lewes; Phoebe Carol (12) and Rose Mary (11) of Mukwonago, WI; and one grandson, Jackson Wallace Whitcomb (19) of Lewes, DE.

Hudson is also survived by brother Jeffrey (Rose) of Haddon Heights, NJ, a sister Randi (Rexi) Rautanen of Cameron, NC and twelve nieces and nephews. Another brother, Keith, died in 1994, and a brother Dwayne died in 2020.

By 2014, Wally was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. The disease did not limit Wally's life until years later. He bought his first boat before building a house, when they moved to Delaware and he enjoyed boating on Rehoboth Bay. Wally enjoyed his daily trips to the neighborhood pool and trips to the beach to read a Tom Clancy novel. He and Betty cruised and traveled; especially enjoying St. Maarten. He faithfully attended Conley's United Methodist Church in Lewes, DE.

However, his most loved activity was being with his family. He always put his family above everything else in life. He never missed a school performance, a cross-country meet, or an opportunity to watch his son surf. He pushed the cart while Betty shopped, and he washed the dishes and unloaded the dishwasher and managed to never put the dishes back in the correct place.

Grandchildren brought Wally the most joy. He attended as many performances, birthday parties, and special events as possible. His quiet love of the theatre grew watching his grandchildren



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perform on stage. Seeing three of his grandchildren perform in “Mamma Mia” was a highlight in his life.

Wally’s impact on the lives of those around him cannot be emphasized enough in an obituary.

Please join the family on Friday, January 3, 2025, to celebrate the life of Wallace E Hudson Jr. Funeral Services will be held at Conley’s United Methodist Church, 33106 Jolyn’s Way, Lewes DE, with a visitation beginning at 10:00 AM, followed by a service at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Conley’s UM Church or a charity of your choice.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2025, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.




# Events

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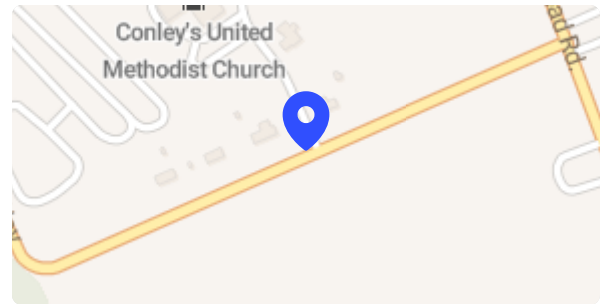
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## Visitation

 **Friday**, January 3, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Conley's United Methodist Church**  
33106 Jolyn's Way, Lewes DE

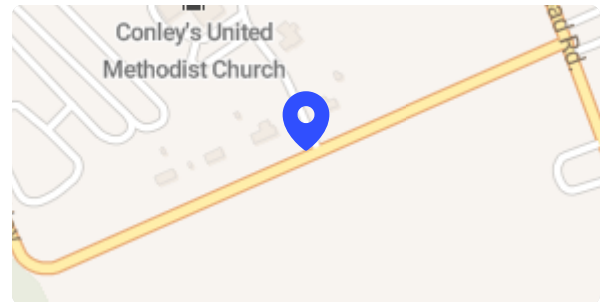


## Memorial Service


 **Friday**, January 3, 2025

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Conley's United Methodist Church**  
33106 Jolyn's Way, Lewes DE

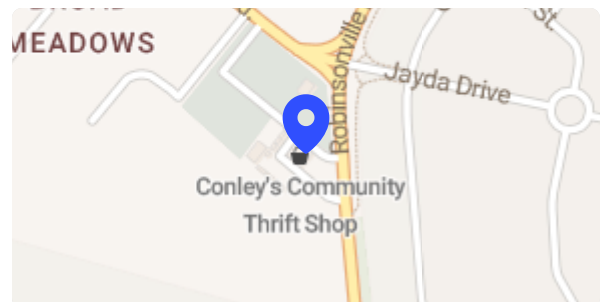


## Interment

 **Friday**, January 3, 2025

 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET

 **Conley's Methodist Cemetery**  
22150 Robinsonville Road, Lewes DE





# Tribute Wall

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**Keith Misener** posted:

So sorry to read of Wally's passing. I got to be friends with Wally when I worked at Beebe Medical Center. He found out I was involved in Scouting and I learned he was involved back in the day as well. We'd have long discussions about the program and how great it was for kids. To the family, please accept my most sincere condolences. Wally sure was one of the good ones.

January 4 at 11:07 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wallace.



January 1 at 2:39 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hudson family.



January 1 at 2:39 PM



**Spence Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wallace.



December 31 at 5:48 AM



**Spence Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hudson family.



December 31 at 5:48 AM



**John Spieker** posted:

Wally was a patient of mine, friend and fellow Rutgers graduate. I always enjoyed taking time to talk to him at my office or at the hospital. He was a respected, knowledgeable, amiable and dedicated professional. He will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him. John E Spieker MD

December 27 at 11:30 AM



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**Keith Hudson** shared a photo to the **Tribute** album.



December 26 at 4:20 PM



**Keith Hudson** posted:

At 46 years old I can honestly say I have had three men in my life that have an influential role. My father Keith, my grandfather Pa, and my Uncle Wally. I could provide a long list of memories, but I will leave it to one. I was probably 12 years old at the time and Uncle Wally and Aunt Betty visited us in Florida. I had a book report due for school and like most kids, I did not care to read. Uncle Wally made a deal with me that if I read a book and wrote a paper on it he would give me \$5.00 for every report. I started the reading, but the writing never came to fruition. For the last 25 + years I have read on average one book a week and every time I open those pages for the first time, I think of my Uncle Wally. He truly opened my eyes to getting lost in the pages. You will always be an inspiration to me, love you and will forever miss you. Say hi to Dad and Pa for me.

December 26 at 4:16 PM



## Media

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Proud to be standing next to this man.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wallace by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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