



## William J. Wismer, III

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William "Bill" Wismer III, born in Philadelphia on October 14, 1942 went Home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 20th. As a boy Bill went to Catherine Elementary School in Southwest Philadelphia and Tilden Jr High School, before graduating from Bartram High School in 1960. Even as a boy, Bill helped to provide for his family, assisting on a neighborhood milk delivery truck. Later he worked at Vicki Lynn Shoe Store on Woodland Avenue in Southwest Philadelphia. The lifelong love of Bill's life, Geraldine (Becker) Wismer met Bill in 1966. They were married September 9, 1967 at Southwestern Presbyterian Church. Shortly thereafter, Bill was drafted into the Army, where he served his country, attaining the rank of Sergeant before his honorable discharge in 1970. Bill and Gerri purchased a home and lived in Darby Borough until 1973, before moving to the home they lived in for the rest of his life in Lower Merion. Even as newlyweds, Bill and Gerri shared a love of the Lord Jesus Christ. They spent many hours together, reading the Word and nurturing deeper faith. Bill and Gerri eventually had four children, Robert, Freida, Jennifer and Heather. Sadly, Freida was stillborn and did not survive. During this time in life, Bill worked as a banker at First Pennsylvania Bank, eventually retiring as Vice President of Auto Leasing from CoreStates Bank. Although Bill worked hard to support his family, his heart and passion was in serving the Lord. Over more than 23 years of membership at Narberth

Presbyterian Church, Bill served two terms as Deacon and two more terms as an Elder. Eager to share his love of Jesus Christ, Bill also served as an Adult Sunday School Teacher and as a facilitator of the Prayer Team. Passionate about work in the missions field, Bill also served as Chairman of the Board of Missions for more than 6 years. He accepted another term to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Missions just before his Home-going. Finally, Bill especially loved spending time with his family and took great joy in being with his 7 grandchildren. Bill was joyful and enthusiastic in all aspects of his life, even after receiving a diagnosis of Cancer in 2015. Bill is survived by his wife of 48 1/2 years, Geraldine (Becker) Wismer, Children Robert Wismer, Jennifer Wismer Roykouff and Heather (Wismer) Colon, Sons in love Timothy Roykouff and Victor Colon and grandchildren Brittany, Christian, Spencer, Preston, Owen, Carter and Liam. Bill is also survived by his brother Timothy Wismer (Linda Wismer). Donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Narberth Presbyterian Church Missions Fund.

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

FEB 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

Narberth Presbyterian Church  
205 Grayling Avenue  
Narberth, PA 19072

# Tribute Wall

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