



## John Kenneth Wilson Sr.

April 10, 2022

John Kenneth Wilson, Sr., age 70, of Pittsgrove Township, passed away on April 10, 2022. Born in York, PA to the late James Matthew Wilson and Gabrielle (Macaux) Wilson, John grew up in Oaklyn, NJ and was a 1969 graduate of Collingswood High School. He went on to earn his Bachelors Degree from Rutgers-Camden in 1973 and began his 28 year career as a New Jersey State Trooper, graduating from the 90th State Police Class.

In 1980, John and his wife Donna moved to Pittsgrove to start their family and he worked at various State Police barracks until he was stationed at the State Police Headquarters in Trenton, working his way up to Lieutenant. After retiring from the state Police, he went on to work for twelve years as Vice President of Global Security and Investigations at Commerce Bank, which became TD Bank.

When John wasn't working, his spare time was committed to his children and their various sporting events, coaching soccer, baseball and softball. He was heavily involved with Elmer Little League, where he also served as Commissioner, the Pittsgrove Soccer Club and was a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee in Pittsgrove.

John is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Donna (Deleandro) Wilson; his daughter Jennifer Wilson Shortridge and her husband Wesley of York, SC; his

son John Kenneth Wilson, Jr. and his wife Jackie of Millsboro, DE; his grandchildren Bryce and Max Shortridge; his granddogs; his brother James Wilson and his wife Mary Jean of Audubon, NJ; his sister Nicole Ritchie and her husband Mike of Mount Laurel, NJ; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 15, 2022 at Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main Street, Elmer, NJ 08318. There will be a visitation starting at 10 AM leading to the service at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in John's memory to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation by going online to [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home  
111 S. Main Street  
Elmer, NJ 08318

## Memorial Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RC

“ We will miss seeing Ken at class reunions. Always a classy guy and a favorite of the class. Fond memories of Ken at the 50th when he got a special award for his choice of music. We have made a donation in his memory as per your request. Roxanne and Mike Caputo and the CHS Class of 1969.

Roxanne Caputo - June 12, 2022 at 10:56 AM

JB

“ JoAnna Blair lit a candle in memory of John Kenneth Wilson Sr.



JoAnna Blair - April 15, 2022 at 09:24 AM

JB

“ My prayers, love and condolences go out to Donna and the rest of his family! I'm very saddened to hear about his passing. I will miss our talks (especially about our grand kids). The world lost a wonder man! May God keep his arms around you in your time of grief!

JoAnna Blair - April 15, 2022 at 09:24 AM

JL

“ Donna, Ken, Jennifer, friends and family - I am so saddened to hear of Ken's death. He was a great friend who I was fortunate to work with for many years in the Polygraph Unit. He handled many difficult and sensitive jobs with professionalism and expertise, assisting law enforcement units throughout the state - not only with his polygraph skills but as an Arson investigator and Official Corruption supervisor. He was the most popular presenter at our five day Interview school - he was so funny - he delivered his messages with humility that impressed everyone. He had a great view of life that we often discussed in our many personal phone calls - it was obvious that his family - and his GRANDKIDS - were always uppermost in his mind. He was very wise and I will miss his counsel. I am sorry that I cannot attend his services because I am in quarantine for covid and do not want to put anyone at risk. Donna I called both phone numbers that I have and sent an email to let you know. I will be praying for Ken to be at peace and for the memories that he has created to bring comfort to all. Jerry Lewis

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**Jerry Lewis** - April 14, 2022 at 05:54 PM

JS

“ Ken was instrumental in my life. He gave me my first fraud fighting position in the Global Security and Investigations department and kept pushing me to do and be more. He talked so often of Donna, Jen and Kenny it was obvious how much he adored you all. I'll miss his sense of humor, his laugh and his "Making People Happy Since 1951" polo shirt. Just a wonderful person all around.

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**Jennifer Silvestrov** - April 14, 2022 at 05:21 PM

KL

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family during this difficult time. Ken and I worked together at TD Bank. He was such a great person. His family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*The Loverdi Family (Kelly)*

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**Kelly Loverdi** - April 14, 2022 at 03:16 PM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Ken and I worked together at TD Bank. I am so grateful I had the opportunity to meet him. He was just one of those guys you knew truly cared and was genuine.

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**Scott Preston** - April 14, 2022 at 01:12 PM

KL

“ Ken and I went to school together. I was very blessed to have seen Ken at our 50th class reunion and sit with him and reconnect. He was always an upbeat and happy guy that always made me laugh. Sincere condolences sent you and your family. God bless

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**Kathy Pacifico Long** - April 14, 2022 at 10:30 AM

LG

“ Donna, Kenny, Jennifer & families,  
Our most sincere condolences to your entire family on the death of Ken. I enjoyed working with Ken when he was in the Arson/Bomb Unit. We remained friends for many years. He was a wonderful, kind, funny and caring person and he will be truly missed. May you Rest In Peace Ken.



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**LuAnn & Joe G.** - April 14, 2022 at 07:21 AM

FS

“ Our sincere condolences to the Wilson Family regarding the loss of Kenny. I worked with him at Bridgeton Station. He was a good Trooper, good squad member and most importantly, a great man. Well respected and definitely a true professional. He will be sadly missed. Rest In Peace Brother.  
*Frank Szynal-Retired NJSP*

Frank Szynal - April 13, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Kenneth Wilson Sr..



April 13, 2022 at 06:14 PM

SC

“ A wonderful neighbor and friend to my family since the day we moved in. Your kindness to our family will never be forgotten! You were a surrogate Grandparent to Angelo and Sophia giving them advice and encouragement in every stage. We love and miss you!  
*The Costanzo Family*

Stephane Costanzo - April 13, 2022 at 12:26 PM

MJ

Sorry to hear about Ken. We played baseball together at CHS and against each other in Youth League. He for Oaklyn & me for Woodlynne. Condolences and prayers to his family.  
*Mike Johnston*

Mike Johnston - April 13, 2022 at 03:19 PM

TM

*Deepest condolences to Donna, Kenny, Jennifer, and the rest of the Wilson family. I first met Ken when he coached me in Oaklyn Cougars midget football. I then became reacquainted with Ken, while working at Bridgeton Station. We maintained contact throughout our careers, and I eventually worked for him in the Corruption Unit. Ken was simply a great person and mentor to me. I always enjoyed his company and especially his lighthearted humor. He could make you laugh at just about anything. Ken will be sorely missed by family and friends. Rest in Peace Brother.*

Tom Macauley - April 14, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Kenneth Wilson Sr..



April 13, 2022 at 08:49 AM

JO

“ I worked with Ken in the Arson/Bomb Unit and he was a great supervisor. I was his assistant unit head and he managed the unit with dignity and respect for all the members. Rest in peace LT and thank you for your vision and service.

jack Oakley - April 12, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of John Kenneth Wilson Sr..



April 12, 2022 at 08:05 PM

NR

“ *My dearest brother, it would take a book to tell everyone all the wonderful things I want to say to you. , You will never be forgotten. A great husband,father,grandpa, uncle and brother. Always there to lend a hand, truly caring about your entire family. I hope your at peace and know how loved you are. Till I see you again, Nicky*

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**Nicole Ritchie** - April 12, 2022 at 07:40 PM