



# Richard J. Wilkie

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**R**ichard J. Wilkie of Methuen, MA passed away on April 9, 2023. He was born in Lawrence, MA to the late Michael and Stella Wilkie.

After graduating from Lawrence High School, Richard went on to study culinary arts at the Fannie Farmer Cooking School of Boston. His passion for creating sumptuous meals never waned, and he greatly enjoyed passing along his cooking techniques. He was fortunate to spend his entire career doing what he loved and retired from Lawrence General Hospital's kitchen.

Richard was also an avid gardener and loved tending to his beautiful gardens and manicured lawn. Each summer would see him take a respite from his yard duties to vacation in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire with his entire family. There you could find him basking in the sun, taking in sites and living life at a leisurely pace.

Richard is survived by his wife, Nancy G. Wilkie of Methuen, daughters Mary Apitz and her husband James of Methuen, Karen Berrios of Andover, and his beloved grandchildren Julia, Michael, and John Apitz, and Brandon Berrios. He is also survived by sister Joan Stewart, niece Susan Downer and nephew Steven Stewart all of Methuen. He was predeceased by his brother Joseph Wilkie.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 11:30AM at St. Michael Church, 196 Main St. North Andover, MA. 01845. His burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen, MA.

Family and friends may call on Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc. 122 Amesbury St. Lawrence, MA, 01841. For more information or to send an online condolence please visit our website at [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com).



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The Wilkie family would like to thank the Prescott House staff for their excellent care and kindness. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Alzheimers Association.

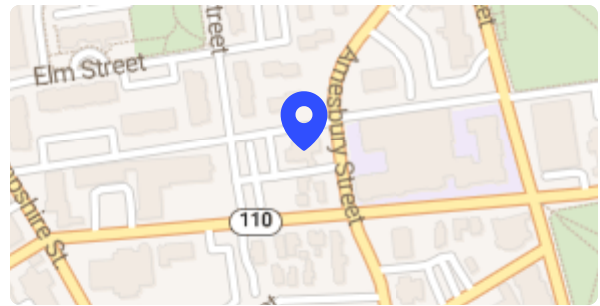


# Events

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## Wake

- Thursday**, April 13, 2023
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence**  
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence MA 01841



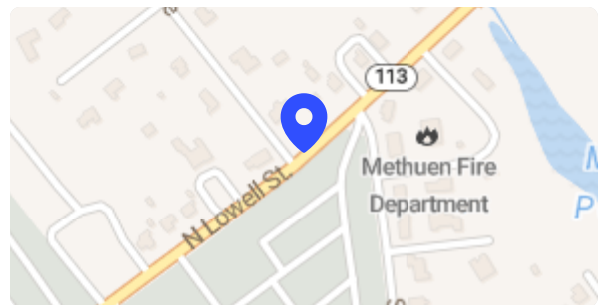
## Funeral Mass

- Friday**, April 14, 2023
- 11:30 AM ET
- St. Michael Church**  
196 Main Street, North Andover MA



## Cemetery Details

- Elmwood Cemetery**  
130 North Lowell St., Methuen MA 01844





## Tribute Wall

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BH

**Barbara & Richard Homewood** posted:

Dear Nancy and family, please accept our sincere condolences at the loss of your husband. He was a real gem of a man. Barbara & Richard Homewood

April 14 at 5:06 AM

MF

**Maria Castillo & Her Family** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Wilkie family.



April 12 at 7:30 AM

SP

**Sheila M Prolman** posted:

So sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Remember him from LHS and he was always a fun loving guy. Rest in peace my friend. Give my love to all our other classmates you will be joining. Sheila Prolman

April 12 at 7:18 AM

KB

**Karen Berrios** posted:

My Dad was simply the best. He was quiet with the biggest heart. He always made sure my sister and I had the best education and that we all took the best vacations to the lake every summer. I will miss calling him for advice on a recipe or if my leftovers were good or not. He would drive me back and forth to Worcester and make meat pies to feed all my dorm mates. He taught me all I know about flowers and gardening which he loved. A piece of me is gone and my heart is heavy. Until I get to hug him again, Dad I love you today and always ❤️🙏

April 11 at 3:49 PM

DA

**Dawn Adams** lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Dawn Adams lit a candle in memory of Richard Wilkie



April 11 at 1:29 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Love's Tapestry to the Wilkie family.

April 11 at 4:43 AM



**Love Always, The Berrios Family** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wilkie family.

April 10 at 5:52 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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