



## William Barnum Wickwire

August 15, 1946 - September 30, 2022

William Barnum Wickwire, 76, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Sept. 30, 2022 at the CT Hospice in Branford. He was the loving and devoted husband for 42 years of JoEllen DeRoma Wickwire. Bill was born Aug. 15, 1946 in Syracuse, NY a son of the late Lyman and Jeanne Barnum Wickwire, he was raised in Homer, NY and was a graduate of Yale University, Class of 1969. He then went to the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, CO graduating in 1972. He practiced law in New Haven as a sole practitioner during the 1970's and in 1979 he was appointed Prosecutor, States Attorney's Office, Division of Criminal Justice for the Superior Court, Juvenile Matters in New London County until he retired in 2009. He was a member of the CT Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, St. Paul VI Council # 14664 and was an active member of St. Paul VI Parish, St. Rita Church where he was a Eucharistic Minister and served on the Parish Council. Bill loved life. He was so happy when spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed Broadway shows, movies, sports, especially the New York Yankees, Syracuse University Basketball, the WNBA, college and pro football, trips to Cape Cod, California, Nova Scotia, the Southwest, Italy and any opportunity to see The Rolling Stones in concert. Bill was a kind and loyal friend to everyone who knew him. He was dedicated to his profession and felt it was an honor to serve the State of CT citizens. He faced his health challenges with determination and grace. When asked how he was doing he would respond " I'm doing my best. That's all I can do." Never an unkind word

would he speak. His faith in God and desire to live life to the fullest was an inspiration to those who knew and loved him. Survived by his wife JoEllen "Missy", a sister Sherrill Torrey of West Barnstable, MA, his mother-in-law Helen DeRoma of Hamden, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Joseph and Sandi DeRoma of Middlesex, NC, his loving nephew and niece Shane and Bryana Weymer and their three children of La Grange, NC, a niece, nephews, cousins and devoted friends who Bill cherished. Bill treasured his lifelong friendship with his childhood friend Greg Jones and his wife Dee of Baton Rouge, LA. He is also survived by his feline best buddy, Bailey. He was predeceased by a brother Lyman Wickwire, Jr. and his father-in-law Joseph DeRoma, Sr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at 10:00 am in St. Paul VI Parish, St. Rita Church, Whitney Ave., Hamden. Entombment will follow in All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, North Haven. Calling hours at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden will be Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, from 4:00-7:00 pm. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of YNHHC MICU 9th Floor and CT Hospice in Branford for their compassionate and loving end of life care. The family is also grateful to their dear Dr. Linda Honan, PhD. Professor Emerita at the Yale School of Nursing, who provided guidance and support throughout the years. She was an angel in Bill's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bill's memory to St. Paul VI Parish, 1620 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517 or the CT Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.  
North Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

OCT 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

## Funeral service

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Barnum Wickwire.*



October 06, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *So many fun memories! We'll eat an ice cream in his honor tonight...and send lots of love your way, Jo-Ellen!*

**Mary Ann Emswiler** - October 06, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Barnum Wickwire.*



October 05, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dear JoEllen, every memory of Bill that we have included you! You two inspired Gerald and myself to always treat each other with love and respect. Bill was definitely a one of a kind: a true gentleman, a learned professional and a loving husband. May he rest in eternal peace and may you find comfort knowing that you had such a wonderful life together. You had a love few people ever know in their lifetime. Love, Gerald and Linda Livolsi*

**Gerald and Linda Livolsi** - October 04, 2022 at 06:17 PM

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“ Bill touched so many lives, and he will always be remembered. I feel grateful and honored to have worked with Bill and call him my friend. Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to Jo Ellen and her family. My deepest sympathy, Kathy Dufficy

Kathleen A Dufficy - October 04, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - October 04, 2022 at 10:06 AM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to JoEllen and the Wickwire family at this very sad time. Bill always exuded an extraordinary light and was such a kind and generous soul. I will always remember his welcoming smile whenever I saw him and I loved visiting during Halloween, a favorite of he and JoEllen's with their cozy home so decorated to the nines. Bill will be so very missed. My love and support are with you, JoEllen.

Kathleen Bonvicini - October 03, 2022 at 09:01 PM