



## Robert "Bob" Wheeler

April 7, 1953 - October 23, 2013

Robert "Bob" L. Wheeler, 60, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2013 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee with his family at his side.

He was born on April 7, 1953 to Robert and Elizabeth Wheeler. He attended Holy Redeemer Grade School and Central High School in Evansville. He was a member of the YMCA Swim Team in grade school and high school. He later swam for the University of Evansville and graduated from U of E with a BS in counseling. It was at this time that he experienced two life-threatening illnesses that impacted his health for the rest of his life but did not stop him from following the Lord's calling.

In Evansville he attended Christian Fellowship Church. Through his CFC connections, Bob felt called to serve as a missionary in Kenya for Food For the Hungry. He recruited and trained teams for cross-cultural experiences in the third world. He was in Africa for 13 months living on the savannah, overseeing the Child Sponsorship Program of 400 Kenyan children. Through their rich exchanges, Bob gained a renewed appreciation of life.

Bob returned to the states and married Janet Saalweachter, the mother of his favorite Sunday school student, Tracy Dougan. When Tracy married Jason Damer, Bob became grandfather to Alexandria and Abigail. He served as

vice-president for Neues Leban Ministry, a Christian family counseling ministry and established Barnabas Discipleship Ministries in 1995 to provide Christian family and marriage counseling.

In 2005 Bob and Janet moved to Tennessee. He attended World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro. Because of Bob's strong computer and communication skills he began working for Quanta Manufacturing Nashville, a laptop computer and tablet repair service. He excelled at trouble shooting, disassembling and repairing laptop computers. Directed by his love for the Lord it provided him an opportunity to touch the lives of thousands of people through the services he provided.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents and survived by his wife of thirty years, Janet, his beloved daughter, Tracy (Jason) Damer and granddaughters, Alex and Abby; siblings: Sheila (Steve) Schenk of St. Philip, Indiana, Janice Wheeler of Maryland, and Bruce (Linda) Wheeler of St. Philip, Indiana; sisters and brothers-in-law: Terri (Bob) Schaffstein of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, Edward (Sandy) Saalweachter, Jr. of Illinois, Julia Williams of Florida, Anita (Gary) Linford of Illinois, Edith (Mike) Hosman of Ohio.

Bob's nieces and nephews include: Heather (Drew) Allen, John Schenk, Edward Schenk, Paul Wheeler, Stephanie Wheeler, Laura (Ross) Kimble, Eric (Rebecca) Schaffstein, Jason (Angela) Schaffstein, Karen (James) Amick, Jeremy Williams, Bradley (Nith) Williams, Alayna Williams, Leanne (Tim) Winter, and Joseph (Hope) Coomes; and many grand nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 27, 2013 from 1:00 until 6:00 P.M. at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 West Franklin Street, Evansville, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, October 28, 2013 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. David Niednagel officiating. Burial will follow at

Laurel Hill Cemetery in Wadesville, Indiana.

Condolences may be made online at <http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Vanderbilt University Medical Center: [www.VanderbiltHealth.org/giving](http://www.VanderbiltHealth.org/giving).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Service

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob" Wheeler

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ I met Bob when he came to Marsabit Kenya. A warm hearted and a down to earth person full of love and affection for the poor people. I will miss him greatly. May he RIP.

Zachary Makanya, makanya@pelum.net, +254 714 642 916

Z. Makanya, formerly of Food for Hungry - April 06, 2020 at 07:55 AM



“ Although you may not remember us, Bob counseled us for 5 yrs in Phoenix. We grew to know and respect his deep devotion to the Lord. Helen and I remain married, recently celebrating our 63 anniversary. At the time Bob counseled us the next year was not a surety. I know Bob is in a better place and his devotion to the Lord's work will endure in the lives of those people he helped. May the love of the Lord be with you.##imported-begin##Paul & Helen Jaqua##imported-end##

November 01, 2013 at 06:36 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Bob from the Food for the Hungry days. Our family always enjoyed stopping by to see Bob and Janet when we were passing through Tennessee. His joy is complete now and heaven has welcomed him fully. Makes me smile.... I'm very glad that I knew him. Blessings and comfort to the family.##imported-begin##Cindy Yarger##imported-end##

October 31, 2013 at 11:35 AM



“ Dear Janet, I will forever be indebted to the Lord for Bob's ministry & counsel to me of God's truth when I was hurting so badly. Thank you for allowing Bob to use his gifts to minister to the Body of Christ. He was able to do the Lord's calling because of your love and support. I will be praying for you having walked in the shoes you are now. God is faithful and will walk you through. Bob will be missed dearly. Much love, Jana Reible###imported-begin###Steve & Jana Reible###imported-end##

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October 26, 2013 at 06:53 PM



“ May the Lord lift you up and cause His face to shine upon you and bless you.

Bob was a good man. A christian man. He will be missed.###imported-begin###Dr. J. William (Bill) Roberts###imported-end##

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October 26, 2013 at 04:32 PM



“ Janet, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing, but rejoice with you that Bob is now at home with His blessed Savior. I will be forever grateful to the Lord for using Bob so profoundly to help me know and understand greater fullness of the unconditional, unending love that our Lord has for us. Bob was so instrumental in helping my intellectual knowledge of grace become real life experience, and I greatly appreciate the honor of ministering with him at VCL. His life was lived as testimony to God's abundant love and grace. I pray that you are comforted in knowing that Bob is now experiencing the fullness of that love.###imported-begin###Kym Varner###imported-end##

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October 26, 2013 at 04:07 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Will be thinking of you.

Marilyn##imported-begin##Marilyn Belzner##imported-end##

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October 26, 2013 at 11:41 AM



“ Sheila, Janice, Bruce: I'm so sorry for your loss. I think of your family fondly and often and have great memories of all of you.

Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Jill Eckart Herrenbruck##imported-end##

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October 26, 2013 at 10:39 AM



“ I met Bob at Quanta and found that he was much more than just a co-worker. He was a great friend and counselor. but above all Bob was family. Though we miss him dearly he is a part of each of us. He touched our lives in so many ways and will always bring a smile for his memory will never fade. God Bless and God speed my friend.##imported-begin##Mary Lay##imported-end##

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October 25, 2013 at 07:15 PM



“ Life has allowed me the blessing of knowing some great men of God. Bob spoke truth as he saw. His uncompromising Biblical application occasion added tension; usually due to my stubbornness. What I trusted most was that Bob was always Bob; he always loved me, encouraged me, and invested in our relationship. I learned much from him as we searched God's Word together. He walked with me through many terrible life trials. There was never a time when I face any difficulties that Bob was not there to help. I hated the news that he and Janet were moving away, but now I am comforted in the fact he is with our Lord and I will see him again.##imported-begin##Gary Gunn##imported-end##

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October 25, 2013 at 06:37 PM



“ Bruce, Janice and Shelia,  
I'm touch by your families love and the beautiful memories of “Bob” that you have shared in your albums. Thank you ... I've also been touched by his legacy you all have so beautiful created in his remembrance path. My blessings go to all of you; his wife of thirty years, Janet, his beloved daughter, Tracy (Jason) Damer and granddaughters, Alex and Abby; siblings: Sheila (Steve) Schenk of St. Philip, Indiana, Janice Wheeler of Maryland, and Bruce (Linda) Wheeler of St. Philip, Indiana; sisters and brothers-in-law: Terri (Bob) Schaffstein of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, Edward (Sandy) Saalweachter, Jr. of Illinois, Julia Williams of Florida, Anita (Gary) Linford of Illinois, Edith (Mike) Hosman of Ohio. Bob's nieces and nephews include: Heather (Drew) Allen, John Schenk, Edward Schenk, Paul Wheeler, Stephanie Wheeler, Laura (Ross) Kimble, Eric (Rebecca) Schaffstein, Jason (Angela) Schaffstein, Karen (James) Amick, Jeremy Williams, Bradley (Nith) Williams, Alayna Williams, Leanne (Tim) Winter, and Joseph (Hope) Coomes; and many grand nieces and nephews. Sleep well Bob, in the Lords divine eternal Love.###imported-begin###Nancy McDaniel (daughter of Rosetta Faith Wheeler Bob's Aunt) San Diego, CA###imported-end###

October 25, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ Bruce, Janice & Sheila:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother, Bob. I have lots of great memories of Bob's wittiness during our annual Christmas Eve monopoly game when we were growing up. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Phil Smith & family, Flowery Branch, GA###imported-begin###Phil Smith & Family###imported-end###

October 25, 2013 at 09:13 AM



“ Great pic of Bob! :)###imported-begin##Julia Williams##imported-end##

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October 24, 2013 at 10:17 PM



“ We are all going to miss you Bob.  
So generous and funny and friendly and smart. Thank you for loving my sister so much. Bet it is wonderful being in heaven feeling so much better, all pains and poor health gone and getting to finally see Jesus. :) Tell my dad I said Hi. See ya later on down the road I guess.###imported-begin##Anita Linford##imported-end##

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October 24, 2013 at 09:56 PM



“ I know Bob through his sister, Janice. He was blessed with a loving family, which is the hallmark of a successful life. I celebrate his life and ongoing Spirit.###imported-begin##Jim Frid##imported-end##

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October 24, 2013 at 07:21 PM



“ Bob looks like his father. We enjoyed the wonderful story of his life. With love, The Kanduls###imported-begin##Anne Hayden Kandul##imported-end##

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October 24, 2013 at 06:54 PM