



James C. Wigley Sr.

March 1, 1938 - November 30, 2021

James C. Wigley, Sr. of Hainesport, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at his home. He was 83. James was born in Hazlehurst, Georgia to Clyde and Christine Wigley. James was predeceased by his siblings, Dwight, Dewey, Charlie and Madelyn Grey.

James is survived by Johanna (nee Panella) his loving wife of 61 years, and a large extended family including his brother in law Joseph Panella Jr. (Carol), their sons Christopher and Timothy (Tracy) and his six sons; Kenneth, Glenn (Kathleen), Kevin, Craig (Melissa), James Jr. (Gigi) and Darren.

James was also blessed with nine grandchildren; Kyle, Stephanie, Justin, Michelle, Joseph, Daniel, Matthew, Jared and Lucas.

James Wigley came north to New Jersey as a young man after enlisting in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Dix. Though he put down deep roots in Southern New Jersey, he never forgot his Georgia roots and "Uncle Bo" leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews there including; Shelly Wigley, Shelia Anderson, Greg Wigley, Cindi O'Connor, Jeff Hulett, Gary Washburn, Mark Washburn, Sean Wigley, Mike Wigley, and Reverend Robert Wigley.

James Wigley made his living as a chef, a skill he gained by way of his

military service. Using his years of experience in the food service industry, for a time he taught future chefs at Burlington County Vocational & Technical School. But he never just had one job. Throughout his life, he would work 2 or more jobs in addition to his full time work, and all that in addition to his many years of Army National Guard service.

James loved being outdoors and was an avid fisherman who enjoyed many successful bass fishing outings with his buddy Mike. He developed a love of fresh eggs courtesy of his friend Rick which may have appealed to his farmer's soul. He loved to garden and though his garden had gotten smaller and simpler over the years, each spring he still looked forward to the day when he'd get his tomatoes and peppers in the ground. He enjoyed feeding the birds at the variety of feeders in his backyard with his beloved "Granddog" Angel always by his side.

Though a chef by trade, James was truly a "Jack of All Trades" and no home improvement job was too big, too intimidating or too complex for him to take on. His hands were the hands of a born tinkerer and bore the scars and callouses of years of hard physical work. His prowess as an amateur lumberjack, electrician, plumber and auto mechanic is legendary.

Finally – as a husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, We are proud of the man you were and will always be in our hearts. You lived your life to the fullest your way, the only way. We will forever love you and your passing has left a big void in our lives. You are at peace and free from the earthly troubles and pain. Rest well; until we meet again.

Services and interment are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in James' memory to: Burlington County Veterans Services, 795 Woodlane Rd., Westampton, NJ 08060 (Please write in memo "James Wigley - Special Event Account").

Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Wigley Sr.*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *James C. Wigley Sr.*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dear Joanne and Family,
So sorry to learn of Jims'
passing .He was always so
friendly and easy to talk to
He will be missed by everyone.
Our prayers are with you.
Dan and Alice*

Dan Conte - December 16, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gigi Wigley - December 09, 2021 at 08:19 AM

GW

“ *A beautiful tribute to Dad.*



Gigi Wigley - December 09, 2021 at 07:15 AM

YF

“ *From: Your CCCS family purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.perinchief.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of James C. Wigley Sr..*

Your CCCS family - December 07, 2021 at 04:01 PM

PA

“ *Uncle Bo was always there for our family when we lost my granny and not too long after, my papa (his baby brother). I grew up hearing my Papa call him his “yankee” brother, and never knew his name wasn’t actually Bo until I became an adult. He was a good man, and he never stopped caring for his siblings. Even after my Papa died, he stayed in touch. I miss talking to him and wish we’d been able to do so more.*

See you later, Uncle Bo.

Paige Anderson - December 04, 2021 at 07:32 PM

RC

“ *Deepest Condolences to the family ! I have good memories of Jim . His delightful southern charm an his beautiful smile always cheerful ! Rest in peace my old friend ! Aunt Rosie*



Rose colangelo - December 04, 2021 at 01:41 PM

AS

“ *Dear Craig and family,*

My deepest sympathies to you at this time. I pray that memories sustain you as you grieve your loss.

Sincerely,

Amy Stella

Amy Stella - December 03, 2021 at 06:33 PM

AA

“ *Haven't seen you for nine years. Like for you to know. I will never forget you.
Rest In Peace*

Aunt Ads - December 03, 2021 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Aunt Ads lit a candle in memory of James C. Wigley Sr.*



Aunt Ads - December 03, 2021 at 05:52 PM

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Shelly Wigley - December 02, 2021 at 07:26 PM

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