



## Wesley Earl Dermyer

September 22, 1951 - May 30, 2026

ADRIAN- Wesley “Wes” Earl Dermyer, age 74, of Adrian, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2026, surrounded by the love and support of his devoted wife, Nancy.

Wes was born on September 22, 1951, in Adrian, MI, the middle child of Norman Daniel and Ruth Onalee (Spangler) Dermyer. He grew up in Adrian and had many wonderful memories and adventures with the neighborhood crew consisting of many lifelong friends, plus other partners in crime. Wes was involved with Boy Scouts and played the saxophone all through school, during which he held the first chair position for much of the time; with many thanks for Myron Teague’s expert tutelage! He was a proud Maple graduating from Adrian High School in 1969, before going on to attend Eastern Michigan University. It was during his time at EMU that Wes joined Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, a brotherhood that would last a lifetime.

Throughout his childhood, Wes experienced significant headaches that continued during his early life at college. The headaches became so severe that they altered his education plans, prompting his family to seek medical attention to find a cause for this ongoing problem. He was linked with a wonderful neurosurgeon, Dr. Saed Farhat, who was able to diagnose Wes’ brain tumor. The medical team initially thought his tumor was cancerous and were relieved to find out it was benign after his craniotomy. Wes knew he had a purpose in life and despite the ongoing years of health issues and numerous periods of rehabilitation, his faith remained strong.

One of Wes' biggest supporters in life was his wife, Nancy. Their partnership was built on love, faith, friendship and respect for one another. On June 14, 1980, Wes married Nancy Lewis at the First Presbyterian Church in Adrian. During all the wonderful moments and unexpected trials, they experienced in their 46 years of marriage, Wes and Nancy knew they were exactly where they were supposed to be ~ together.

After Wes left EMU related to health reasons, he went to work at the Croswell Opera House; from there Wes worked for Adrian Public Schools in the custodial department. He shared many lifelong friendships with the staff and students from his time in the Adrian School system. Wes was an exceptional backgammon player and enjoyed playing Euchre and tennis. He loved spending time outdoors where he could hike and ride his bike, exploring everything nature had to offer. He had a soft spot for animals and believed in supporting the charities that helped his four-legged friends. Wes was an active member at the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, Wes is survived by his brother, Daniel (Vivian) Dermeyer and sister, Laura (Greg) Moore; brother-in-law, Jack Lewis; sister-in-law, Suzanne Lewis; and wonderful nieces and nephews, Heather Dermeyer, Matthew (Kristina) Dermeyer, Anika Daniels, Joshua Moore, Gregory Moore, Michele (Brian) Evans, Marc (Ela) Lewis, Brian (Kami) Lewis, Erin (Carlos) Claros, and Dane (Christine) Lewis; and great-nieces and nephews, Adylin, Molly, Sterling, Roen, Skylar, Paige, Ebony, Joscelin, Carter, Montgomery, Alexa, Gavin, Morgan, Caleb, Eliana, Dreyden, Milania and Cruz; and a great, great-nephew, Tobias. He was preceded in death by his parents Norman and Ruth Dermeyer; in-laws, Mable and Elwyn "Pat" Lewis; sister-in-law, Faye Lewis and brother-in-law, Patrick "PJ" Lewis.

Memorial services for Wes will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Adrian First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Scott Elliott officiating. Family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until the service begins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian, the Lenawee Humane Society or to a charity

of your choice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WaigleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WaigleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Upcoming Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
156 E. Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

MR

“ I can always picture Wes sitting with his cherished wife, Nancy, at the counter of the A&W. While I served him food, he contributed his great smile, warm connectedness, enthusiasm and optimism. More recently, I had the good fortune to see Wes and Nancy at theatrical events, especially at their beloved Croswell. Even though health conditions, made life challenging for both of them, they spread kindness and good cheer. Their love and support of each other radiated warmth to all around them. Wes will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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**Mikie Rion** - June 16 at 08:28 AM

PG

“ I never saw Wes when he wasn't happy, funny , laughing and always positive. We met through attending the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian. We both sang in the choir. He and Nancy “adopted “ my son Geoff and included him on several of their adventures and trips . Nancy and he became close friends and I envied their love story . My deepest sympathies to Nancy and the extended family. It was joy and privilege to have known he and Nancy .

*Patricia Grover*

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**Patricia Grover** - June 09 at 02:46 PM

GG

“ Wes was my fraternity brother at Tau Epsilon Phi Eastern Michigan University that I had the pleasure of knowing. Great brother, may his memory be eternal.

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**Gus Gougoulas** - June 08 at 08:22 PM

TS

“ Wes was such an inspiration and always so positive, happy grateful. It was a privilege to spend time with Wes and his devoted wife, Nancy

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**The Peterson's, Norm and Sherry** - June 06 at 08:32 PM

LC

“ Nancy, Rob and I both send our condolences on Wes' passing. We are here for you, so please reach out if there is anything we can do. Hugs & kisses my dear friend.

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**Lori Caza** - June 03 at 08:24 PM

ES

“ Wes Was Always Consistant. Consistently pleasent and friendly. Consistently a pleasure to have a talk with. Eternal peace grant to him Lord an let your perpetual light shine upon him.

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**Ed Salazar** - June 03 at 02:06 PM

MS

“ Wes, my brother Tom and I went to Alexander Elementary School up to AHS. Kind hearted and always happy to see friends.....no matter how he was hurting. Miss you friend. Marty

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**MARTHA J SCHOONOVER** - June 02 at 01:50 PM

MB

“ Nancy and family so sorry to hear of Wes' passing keeping you all in my prayers.

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**Maggie Briney** - June 02 at 12:20 PM

DG

“ *Ann and I share our deepest sympathies regarding Wes's passing.*



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**David Guldin** - June 01 at 11:59 PM

BB

“ *Hugs, so very sorry*



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**Barb Blumenauer** - June 01 at 07:39 PM

GB

“ *So very sorry, prayers and hugs*



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**Gabi, Barb Blumenauer** - June 01 at 07:37 PM

KD

“ *Known him since seventh grade.  
Adrian through and through.  
RIP*

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**Keith Dersham** - June 01 at 05:13 PM

AG

*Rest in peace now Wes. Your work here is over.*

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**Anne Gascoigne** - June 03 at 12:10 PM