



Robert "Dick" Wolstenhulme

October 8, 1932 - June 14, 2020

WINDHAM—Robert “Dick” Wolstenhulme, ten-time Beech Ridge Champion, racing “Iron-Man” and legendary “hub-cap” man, 87, passed away June 14, 2020 on his 63rd wedding anniversary at Mercy Hospital. He was born October 8, 1932, a son of John “Fred” and Lillian (McPherson) Wolstenhulme Sr..

He grew up in Windham, working alongside his father in the shop he built, which Dick continued on after his father’s passing. On June 14th 1957, he married Phyllis Howard. The two made their home in Windham, which has developed as a landmark for all who visit the town. Anyone who knows Dick is familiar with his thousands of shiny hubcaps he proudly displays at his shop. He had a love for “picking” particularly hub caps.

In addition to his unique collection of hub-caps, Dick was a ten-time Champion at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough, in both classes, the late model and super-modified. Known as the “Iron Man from Windham” he proudly drove #99; his love for racing was instilled in his whole family and Beech Ridge was their second home. Dick was inducted in the inaugural class of the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

A character in his own right, Dick was an unforgettable man who loved his family above all else. His bond with his daughter Barbara was unmeasurable and he was known as “Ganky” to his beloved granddaughter, Janice and great grandkids Sawyer and Bennett who were the apples of his eye. Although he leaves a legacy of hub-caps and racing, he will be remembered for his salt of the earth qualities. When asked during an interview what life lessons Dick learned he responded, “Be good to people. Forgive them. Bite your tongue! If you can’t say nothing good, don’t say nothing.”

He is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis Wolstenhulme; son in law, Donald Sawyer; granddaughter, Janice Douglas and her husband Ryan; great grandchildren, Sawyer and Bennett Douglas; a daughter Cindi Wolstenhulme; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Barbara Sawyer; baby granddaughter, Kimberly Sawyer and his brother John F. Wolstenhulme Jr..

Dick’s funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 27th at 4pm at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, 70 Holmes Rd., Scarborough, ME 04074. Following the service, visitation will be held until 7pm. Gates to the track will open at 3pm, attire is casual, and if you choose to BYOB, please bring a driver. In case of inclement weather, rain date set for Sunday,

June 28th, same place, same time. Please note, social distancing measures will be taken at the track and masks are encouraged. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dicks name may be made to the Maine Vintage Racecar Association, 6 Lookout Drive, Windham, ME 04062. Arrangements are in the care of the Windham Chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 434 River Rd., Windham, ME 04062.

Events

JUN 27 **Funeral Service** 04:00PM
Beech Ridge Motor Speedway
70 Holmes Rd., Scarborough, ME, US, 04074

JUN 27 **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM
Beech Ridge Motor Speedway
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Comments



“ Thank You Dick for cleaning up my yard after dad died. I know you two are together now watching me trying to finish the job. I will miss you and think of you every time I look out my living room window at your camp by the lake. -Gale

Gale Fisher - June 28 at 02:20 PM



“ I am very grateful that my sons Michael and Jeffrey (great nephews) got to spend so much quality time with "Uncle Dicky". He was the "Wolstenhulme Grampie" after their own Grampie Wolstenhulme (Freddy) passed when they were very young.
So Thankful,
Mike and Jeff's Mom

J. J. - June 28 at 11:29 AM



“ Dickie was an awesome man and caring friend. He will be forever missed but never forgotten. Our deepest sympathy to Phyllis and her family.
Dick & Shirley LeGrow

Shirley LeGrow - June 24 at 09:39 AM



“ Dear Phyllis,

I am truly sorry and sad to read of Dick's passing. You and Dick were always very kind to me and I feel blessed to have counted you as friends. You are in my prayers and thoughts. I love you guys.
Reggie Conohan

Reggie Conohan - June 23 at 10:10 PM



“ im so sorry to hear of Dicks passing, he was a great family friend. will miss seeing him hang his shiny hubcaps to his racing at beech ridge. RIP Mr Wheel man you will be sadly missed

Deb DiBiase - June 20 at 10:41 PM



“ Thanks for all the racing memories Dicky may you rest in pease MR WHEELMAN

scott wescott - June 20 at 08:46 PM