



John "Ted" Wingate

October 19, 1934 - February 28, 2018

John "Ted" Wingate, 83, of Nashua, NH, and formerly of Windham, NH, died peacefully Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Greenbriar Terrace Healthcare in Nashua, surrounded by family and friends

He was born October 19, 1934 in Winchester, MA, son of the late Walter and Grace (Edwards) Wingate.

Ted established the Precision Balancing & Machine shop in Bedford, Massachusetts in 1966. Ten years later he moved the shop to Hudson, NH where it has remained a family business for over 40 years.

He was a founding member of Ty-Rods Car Club and enjoyed building engines and driving Hot Rods and motorcycles. He was meticulous in his craft and was always willing to lend a hand or put in the long, extra hours to help out a friend. Ted always had a positive attitude and a persistent sense of humor. He was a larger than life character that will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We will all carry a piece of his spirit from here forward.

Ted's loving family includes two sons, Randall Wingate, and his long time girl friend Bonnie Cronin, of Windham, NH, Chad Wingate of Prescott, AZ, a brother Barry Wingate and his wife Jean of Bristol, NH, a sister Sandra Linck and her husband Richard of Thornton, NH, as well as many dear friends.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 12pm noon - 2pm in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON, NH. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages massive burnouts or donations be made in Ted's loving memory to The pan-mass challenge - Dana Farber Cancer Institute (<http://profile.pmc.org/RW0171>)

Events

MAR VISITING HOURS 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH
50 Ferry Street, Hudson, NH, US, 03051

Comments



“ Our deepest sympathy to Ted's family. I've known Ted since 1956. I then worked at a Jenny Gas station at four corners in Woburn. I knew that filling gas tanks and tires etc were not what I wanted in my future. Occasionally this great looking deuce roadster would stop at the lights and go past me heading toward Billerica (Fredericksons farm) . Occasionally he would stop in and show positive comments about my dismal attempt at building a model A coupe " hot rod" . We formed a friendship at that time. No doubt he was my hot rod hero. Over the years we would share interests from tractors to firearms.

Ted was a talented craftsman and positive creator of some of the best creations during the early days of rodding. This trait followed him to his final days when he kept his mind open to dreaming of building a new rod . Never accepting the fact that this was not going to happen. Also , within this same state of mind he was convinced that he could work out motorcycle controls that would allow him to head to Sturgis with a nurse on the back to keep him company on his trip

What a good friend he was, and my wife, Pauline and I will miss him. Russ Miller

Russell Miller - March 06, 2018 at 08:15 PM



“ HOW LUCKY !

I went to the building at 314 Great road in Bedford to see the new machine shop. On one side they were selling WV cars. I made my way right side or correct side where PBMS was setting up his shop. Tha'ts when I met Ted. I told him I wanted to help. Ted was nevery anyone to turn down free labor. I would go there every day to see what was going on in this place that I felt most comfortable. Ted would let me help him. He was my mentor. I was in awe of what he was doing. He showed me how to be my own person. I understood what he was doing. I worked in my fathers machine shop in the basement of our house. I would be there when he pulled in in the morning.I watched how METHODICAL hes was in the simplest. of tasks. The first thing he would do, take the one key on his simplest of ring that he carried. He would open the tool box at his bench and exchange his small key ring for a large ring of keys. He would than go around and unlock all his locked tool boxes and cabinets. He would leave the ring of keys in the same last box, and reverse the operation at night. It might seem trivial to the unassuming, to me it was genius. I was there when Ted was building the Silver 1955 Chevy. I remember going to Ellis the Rim Man, Commonwealth Ave Boston to pick up wheels for the car. Back at the shop we, He set the wheels on the back side of the lathe. With a dial indicator to see how round the wheels were. We went through many trip back to ETRM and 36 wheels later he got 4 round ones.

He did a Motor job on this jet pilots brand new big block corvette. I was working [mostley cleaning up] when the pilot dropped off the corvette to have the thing checked and change oil after the break in.

Ted said to me, " let go warm up this oil in the corvette". We drove up North road to Billerica to catch RT3 at concord Rd. Ted come onto the hiway in 2nd gear doing 70ish. He pulled right beside a brand new GTO. They both let off to get down to like

20.

Let me tell you.They took off. Ted stayed with the Goat. The goat shifted into third, Ted was in second. Ted shifted into third the Goat shifted into 4th. Ted stayed right beside him. ted looked over at him. When he looked at Ted, Ted waved and said "bue bue". He was in our rear view mirror. We were doing a buck and a half when we took the exit to 128 at the end of Rt.3. I tell you my pants were wet and not from pee, is an understatement.

So my friend, My Mentor, My Hero.Goodbye. thanks for the memories. I will miss you.

HOW LUCKY am I to have known you.

Now you got my eyes wet.

Friends Forever: Richard Cardoos

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Richard L. Cardoos - March 06, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ I firmly believe we need to celebrate a life well lived and just how we do that.....by sharing memories! And what a wealth of stories must exist about this exceptional man. Just talking with Norman and some of his friends around the kitchen table, it elicited a wealth of antidotes and memories! I was struck how these "older fellas"spoke about their youth and as young men looked up to Ted. I hope someone gathers up these memories to paper. Mark and Richard,I love your comments, who said men don't show their emotions!

Gail - March 06, 2018 at 07:29 PM



“ I've had a lot of great times with Ted ! The adventure ! The laughs ! The incredible mind of this master machinist lives on with me ! The best smile ever ! A better pal would be hard to find ! Mark Sieniawski

mark sieniawski - March 04, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ The Wingate family can rest knowing that Ted was loved and admired by so many friends! During our visits to see Ted, it was never boring, especially when he spotted the iPad . Ted had us researching WWI motorcycles, exploring his family history on Ancestry. Ted still had dreams of building autos, traveling to England to explore his family roots, buying an old motorcycle.The inventiveness and curiosity never left his mind and of course the occasional thrilling escape plan that would include his friends!

You can "Google" his name and read wonderfull articals of the cars he built and the people he helped! Job well done! Ted

Norman Turnquist and Gail Jones

Norman Turnquist - March 04, 2018 at 06:32 PM



“ Wingate Family so sorry to hear of your loss. I knew your dad since Winchester he always did a lot of work on my different race cars and treated me right. He will be missed a great guy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jack Strob



Linda Strob - March 02, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ Randall, So sorry for the loss of your Dad. He did a lot of work on my stock eliminator and super stock engines. Got to know him well. Super guy. Tutored me well on cylinder head work. Spent a few late nights helping him set up shop in Hudson. Your dad was a pioneer of the trade and will be sadly missed. Sincerely, Gerry @ Tru-Torque.

gerard grigas - March 02, 2018 at 08:27 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Randall. Ted will be missed by so many. Our industry has lost one of the great and most talented and respected guys from coast to coast. I can't think of many people in the engine rebuilding world that didn't have the pleasure of having had contact with Ted at least once. (And if you met Ted once, you remembered him for life)! My condolences to the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Duane

Duane - March 02, 2018 at 06:46 PM