



Everett Joseph “Joe” Wilson Jr.



Everett Joseph “Joe” Wilson Jr., of Wells, NY, passed away unexpectedly on July 31, 2021, when a motorist ignored a stop sign and took a left in front of him as he was riding his Harley Davidson. He was 70 years old. Joe was born in Gloversville, NY on July 29, 1951, to Everett Joseph, Sr. and Elizabeth (Stuart) Wilson. He grew up in Wells and was a Wells Central School graduate of the class of 1969. He served in the Army from 1971-1973, as an MP stationed in Germany. On May 29, 1971, he married his best friend and love of his life, Mari (Carpenter). Together, they had two daughters and raised their family in the town of Wells. Joe was a quiet and gentle soul. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. He was a hard worker who spent many years working first for the Town of Wells Highway Department, and later the Town of Wells Water Department. Joe loved his family fiercely and enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his four grandsons. His favorite past time, and indeed his passion, was to work on old Harley Davidsons, collecting parts and piecing them together. During times of pleasant weather, and sometimes even in the rain, Joe loved to ride his 1948 Harley Davidson Panhead. He didn’t need a place to go because every trip was about the journey, rather than the destination. He was a frequent and familiar sight on the roads surrounding the town of Wells and beyond. After he lost his wife Mari in 2017, those rides on his ’48 Panhead were his therapy, and he put many miles on it every year. Nearly every year, Joe left his old Panhead at home and planned a cross-country trip on his 2006 Harley Davidson to visit his daughter and grandson in Arizona, stopping to see the many sights of our beautiful country on the way. The photographs and memories he recorded from those trips are treasures for the family he left behind. Joe was an amazing and much-loved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, husband, son, and friend. His death is a tremendous and shocking loss, and he will be greatly missed. His family would like to remind everyone to please watch for motorcycles when you are driving. Ride on, Joe, reunited with Mari at last, towards eternity.



“It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.” – Ursula K. LeGuin