



Wendell Dean Wagner

August 20, 1954 - July 24, 2025

Wendell Wagner of Corvallis, Oregon passed away July 24, 2025, at the age of 70.

Wendell Dean Wagner was born on August 20, 1954, in Kinsley, Kansas. He was the first child of John H and Wilma Jean (Herrmann) Wagner. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Kinsley, Kansas. He grew up on the family farm with his four siblings. Surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and Herrmann cousins, there were many holidays and celebrations with faith, family, and homemade food as the foundation. Wendell was an avid reader and a fierce card and board game player with his family.

He graduated from Kinsley High School in 1972 where he played the violin, trombone and golf and was on the debate team. He earned his bachelor's degrees in nuclear engineering and business administration from Kansas State University in 1977. Wendell's career in nuclear engineering took him to work in Illinois, Texas, Washington, Idaho, Kansas and Oregon.

Wendell married Gabriela Lopez on November 19, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran in McFarland, Kansas. Their son, Wilfred Harold, was the light of his world.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents, John and Bertha (Kuhn) Wagner and Charles and Mary (Brehm) Herrmann.

He is survived by his wife and son, brothers, Randell Wagner (Shawn), Fort Worth, Texas; Lowell Wagner (Mary Kay), Offerle, Kansas; sisters, Charla Wagner, Topeka, Kansas; Karla Gordon (Scott), Overland Park, Kansas; mother-in-law, Ester V. Alvarado, Albay, Philippines; brother-in-law, Bulganen A. Lopez (Charie Ann), Albay, Philippines; nephews, Brandon Wagner (Libby), John Paul Wagner, Eric Gordon (Nicole), Wendell Lopez; and nieces: Kristyn Brigance (Daniel), Kelsey Gordon, Laurin Wagner, Kirsten Gordon, Therese Lopez, and Atarah Lopez. Great-nephews and niece: Wyatt Brigance, Laurel Brigance, and Reed Wagner.

A viewing will be held at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home 815 NW Buchanan Ave, Corvallis, Oregon on Monday, August 11, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Per Wendell's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 434 E Grant Street, Lebanon, Oregon with Pastor Michael Miller officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made as gifts in Wendell's name to either Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 434 E Grant Street, Lebanon, OR 97355 or Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 201 Massachusetts, Kinsley, KS 67547.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG **11**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory
815 NW Buchanan Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97330

Funeral Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
434 E Grant Street
Lebanon, OR 97355

Tribute Wall

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“ *Just like our wedding vows to each other, I'd choose you as my husband in every lifetime. I love you then and now. Together always - by love, by faith, by God. We are missing you so much. We love you forever and ever. Until we meet in heaven again My Love.* 💙 ☐

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Gabriela Wagner - November 20, 2025 at 03:49 PM

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“ *They say nothing lasts forever but they did not know my love for him. I am the luckiest and blessed woman to ever loved by him. Unconditionally and genuinely! Rest well My Love. I hope and pray we'll be together again in God's perfect time.* ❤️

And for those who never knew him, I'm sorry for your loss.



Gabriela Wagner - September 04, 2025 at 01:43 AM

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“Tito Wendell as we dearly call him. The huge, tall and soft spoken handsome man, he got this sparkling smile and towering height. Tito Wendell had the unsurmountable kind of heart which has full of gentleness, compassion, understanding and love. He unknowingly radiantly shows it even on a crowd of people, you can easily spot that invisible charm of him. He is so adorable. When my parents met him for the first time our parents never had difficulty of having conversations with him because he readily listens and speaks to them with an open mind and heart although my parents never speak good English but still they understand each other. I am overwhelmed by the fact that my youngest sister will be marrying soon but Tito Wendell got this striking aura that makes my worries go away. We love him so much and we care for him just like we love and care for our parents. Although we only got to spend 5x of his visit here but the memories of those visits and coming home were unforgettable. *Hinding hindi namin malilimutan ang mga panahon na yun Tito Wendell.* Tito Wendell's kindness helped my parents survive some of their critical times. Tito Wendell never falters in his support and help to my parents and my family. He is the most lovable and generous godfather of my eldest daughter and the loving uncle of my children. We are very thankful to Tito Wendell's family for all their understanding, kindness and love for my sister and their son. My family is forever indebted. This is the most difficult journey that my sister and their son will go through without the love, guidance and leadership of Tito Wendell. *Mahal na mahal na mahal na mahal na mahal na mahal na mahal na mahal na mahal ka namin Tito Wendell.* You will never be forgotten your love and deeds will be shared by us to other people in every meaningful possible way. My words are not enough even on this last message because Tito Wendell is overflowing with God's loving grace that filled our family. Even it is so hard to accept that you are gone already Tito Wendell we had to accept it and we will try to live every moment that you are still with us. Our thoughts and hearts are already filled with your love. I will never forget your last birthday message to me and now I will celebrate my birthday with your ascension to Lord in heaven. Tito Wendell please give our hugs and kisses to daddy Harold, mommy

Wilma and our father kay papu. Please continue to guide your family through God's amazing grace in heaven. I can't thank you enough with all my message here but this is the last thing I can do to let you know and those who respect and love that you've brought so much to family that will be forever be here in our midst. Paalam mahal naming tito wendell..this is the most difficult words to say. Tito wendell mahan na mahal na mahal ka namin I hope you felt it. Please if your not busy in heaven visit us in our dreams and touch our hearts. We really missed you tito wendell...you lived forever in our lifetime. Paalam tito wendell we love you so much. Maraming maraming salamat sa lahat ng pagmamahal mo samin at sa kapatid ko at anak nyo. We will always be with them. Maraming salamat at paalam mahal naming tito wendell.

Bulganen Lopez - August 13, 2025 at 06:19 PM

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Gabriela Wagner - September 04, 2025 at 01:31 AM

LJ

“ Wendell and Lorenz Menke in the Philippines.



Lorenz H. Menke, Jr. - August 11, 2025 at 11:55 AM

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Gabriela Wagner - September 04, 2025 at 01:24 AM

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❤❤❤ Beautiful memories!

Gabriela Wagner - September 04, 2025 at 01:37 AM

LJ

“ Wendell was my best man at my wedding to Deanna and now Mary Ann Guinto Menke and I was his best man to his wedding to Ela

Lorenz H. Menke, Jr.

Lorenz H. Menke, Jr. - August 11, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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Gabriela Wagner - September 04, 2025 at 01:33 AM

EF

“ 2 files added to the album Wendell at NuScale



Eric Fischer - August 07, 2025 at 08:03 PM

GW

Beautiful pictures! Thank you for sharing! So much appreciated! 🙏😊

Gabriela Wagner - September 04, 2025 at 01:37 AM

PG

“ Wendell hired me as a member of his team in 2015. From our first meeting, I was struck by his warm and welcoming way, which made a major decision of career change surprisingly easy for me. I'll always think back on that time with wonder and gratitude. A conversation with Wendell always brought a smile to my face, and I'm sure his memory will bring me happiness many more times to come. I hope Wendell's memory brings comfort and happiness to his family as well. My condolences,
– Paul Guinn

Paul Guinn - August 07, 2025 at 06:30 PM

GW

Thank you for your kindest words about our beloved Daddu. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. God's blessings! ❤️❤️

Gabriela Wagner - September 04, 2025 at 01:34 AM

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“ Wendell was a wonderful human being. He was quiet and thoughtful with a down to earth sense of humor I really enjoyed. At work, we'd regularly chide him about his mountainous paper stacks in his cubicle!!



Eric Fischer - August 07, 2025 at 01:15 PM

LJ

Yes I had the same volcano paper stack approach at home and work.
Lorenz H. Menke, Jr.

Lorenz H. Menke, Jr. - August 11, 2025 at 01:01 PM