



## Wilbur W. Beers

October 10, 1927 - September 27, 2015

“God called your name so gently that only you could hear, no one heard the footsteps of the angel drawing near...softly from the shadows, there came a gentle call, you closed your eyes and went to sleep you quietly left us all.”

Prominent and well known businessman Wilbur Wade Beers of 24210 Route 187, Wysox passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on Sunday, September 27, 2015. He was 87 years old. Born October 10, 1927 to Wilbur H. and Marian Rowe Beers in Rome, PA he was the oldest son of four boys. Wilbur attended early childhood school in Rome and later attended Towanda High School. He left high school early to enter the Army at the end of WWII, but it was during the Korean War that Wilbur was called to duty, stationed in North Carolina and Japan, where he was a chaplain's assistant. He opted for the Army Reserves the third time he was called for duty to return home to be with family.

On February 21, 1948 he married the former Beverly Ingerick in Wysox. Wilbur and Beverly resided in Monroeton until 1959 before moving to Wysox. Wilbur was employed for a short period of time for Vandervort Mills and Sylvania. After moving to Wysox he opened Beers Midway Mart for three years in the early 60's. It was with the passing of his father in 1962 that he and Beverly started taking over the operation of Beers Roller Rink, a business they ran until the 1990's, when his grandson Rob and his wife Stacy took over for a short period of time. The rink had one final night of skating on November 27, 2009 when the last call for “Clear The Floor” was made.

During the same time period in the early 60's of operating the roller rink, Wilbur attended an auto auction with a car dealer friend, Andy Benjamin. Wilbur became "hooked" and soon after, he established Beers Auto Sales in Wysox which he owned until he retired in 2006. His grandson, Rob Beers began to work alongside him as a partner in the late 90's. Wilbur sold out his share to Pat McGuire and under new ownership the name was changed to Beers Auto, ATV and Tag which still remains in operation today. Wilbur enjoyed attending auto auctions in both Pennsylvania and New York State and was a regular at State Line Auto Auction in Waverly.

Wilbur and Beverly continued to purchase and develop investment properties along the Golden Mile in Wysox and Myersburg, many of them store and apartment rentals.

Besides the auto sales and roller skating rink, Wilbur and Beverly owned 14 school buses and several transport vans for the Towanda Area School District. Wilbur drove bus #7 for over 30 years, not only traveling his normal bus route he also transported the Towanda High School Band to football games for many years. It was after Beverly's retirement from GTE in 1991 she drove bus # 10 until they sold their buses 2009.

Wilbur was one of the founding fathers of the Wysox Municipal Authority. He was a charter member of the Wysox Chamber of Commerce and Wysox Zoning Board, as well as a longtime member of the Wysox Fire Company and the Wysox EMS. He and Beverly were very community oriented, participating in the Christmas holiday melodies, the Wysox strawberry festival, Wysox haunted house, as well as portraying Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, entertaining the children in the area for years. Wilbur also participated in many of the parades, where he transported State Representative, Tina Pickett in his 1986 red Corvette convertible, which his family jokingly called "The Pickett Hauler". He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Towanda Elks Club #2191, Irem Temple Shriners, Scottish Rite and the Towanda American Legion Post #42, and serving as a Sgt of Arms. He attended the Towanda United Methodist Church where he served on the board of trustees.

Another part of Wilbur's legacy is the Wilbur Beers Family Nature Area located on Lake Road in Wysox. He donated the land for development to the Bradford County Conservation District into an accessible park and learning laboratory with walking paths.

Wilbur's life touched so many of the children in the community over the years, whether it be all the friendships and fond memories made at the roller skating rink or the children who rode his school buses. He always had a smile or a piece of candy to offer. Many referred to him as "The Candy Man".

After their retirement, Wilbur and Beverly spent several years enjoying the winter months at their home in Hernando, Florida until Wilbur's declining health no longer allowed.

Wilbur was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be deeply missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Beverly. His son and daughter-in-law, Robert (Bob) W. Beers Sr. and his wife, Gila of Wysox; their daughter Kelly Gannon and her family, Abigayle, Alexandra, and Ava Gannon of Wysox; their son, Robert (Rob) W. Beers Jr. and wife Stacy and their twins, Brooklyn and Brody of Gainesville, FL.

His daughter, Linda Soper of Wysox and her children; Candice Soper and her partner Beth Vannoy of Nashville, TN; Her sons, Jeremy Soper and wife Amy and their daughter, Addyson of Towanda; Adam Soper and wife Shiloh and their children, Aileanah, Edward and Drake of Nichols, NY.

He is also survived by a brother Ralph (Pat) Beers of Athens; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Albert and Martin Ingerick of Wysox; sister-in-law, Margret Gordon of Wysox; sister-in-law Harriet (Carlton) Roof of Standing Stone as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Also survived by his extended family, his wonderful and loving caregivers, Julie and Gary Schmeck of Towanda, where he resided from January 2015 until his passing.

He also leaves behind his Poddle, Jazz.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law Edward E. Soper who passed January 21, 1991 aboard Guthrie One; his brother and sister-in-law Stanley and Beverly H. Beers; his brother Charlie Beers; his brother-in-law. George Gordon.

The family would like to thank also the Robert Packer Hospital Dialysis Department, EMTA, Western Alliance and Guthrie Hospice for their support given to Wilber during his period of declining health.

The family will receive friends Sunday, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Avenue, Towanda, Pa. The funeral service will be held Monday, October 5, 2015 at 10:00 A.M, at the funeral home with Rev. Sherry Good and Rev. Robert Martin officiating. Union Lodge No. 108 F.&A.M. Towanda will hold a service of remembrance Monday at 9:40 A.M. at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Wysox Cemetery, Wysox, Pa. with the Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 according full military honors.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the Bradford County Humane Society, P.O. Box 179, Ulster, PA 18850, the Wysox Volunteer Fire Department, Box 2, Wysox, PA 18854, the Wysox Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, Box 302, Wysox, PA 18854 or to the First United Methodist Church, 103 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848 in Wilbur's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wysox Cemetery

Route 187  
Wysox, PA 18854

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur W. Beers*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Wilbur W. Beers*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Wilbur W. Beers*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Wilbur W. Beers*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Wilbur W. Beers*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *R. I. P. We will all miss your smile and words of wisdom.*

**Margaret Roof** - October 03, 2015 at 07:56 PM

KC

“ I spent many hours of my childhood at the skating rink and will never forget them. Many years later as a parent having a skating party for one of my children I attempted to skate as I did as a child but fell more than my bones care to remember. Wilbur informed me that if he had known I was coming he wouldn't have needed to dust the floor..ha ha Later in life Hanging out with Gene Beers we would be at the auto sales and Wilbur would tell Us He was " Wilbur the Great" and I would jokingly question who ? " Wilbur the Grape " lots of fond memories. My thoughts are with you and may God bless.  
Kim Corbett



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**Kim Corbett** - October 03, 2015 at 08:02 AM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss. May your many good memories help you though this time of sorrow.  
To Bev and all the families



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**Bernita. Rice** - October 01, 2015 at 11:56 AM

LV

“ 'Sending deepest sympathy to the family.  
Spent a lot of years skating with sue at the rink.



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**Lorinda Karpauitz vanderpool** - September 30, 2015 at 08:23 PM