



## Mr. Wouter Willem Dieperink

July 1, 1946 - November 23, 2020

Mr. Wouter Willem Dieperink, known as Dutchman by many, was born on a farm in the small town of Westervoort, Netherlands on July 1st 1946. He immigrated to the United States in 1963 with his parents and siblings, settling in Ohio. Wout paid his way through Ohio State where he was a member of Triangle Fraternity. There he met the love of his life, Joan Graska, and they married in 1970. Together they traveled around the world before starting a family.

Wout and Joan moved to Scottsboro in 1976 as a Project Engineer for Mead Paper Company. During his time at the papermill, he was involved with many large projects including the addition of a second paper machine. He retired as Engineering and Maintenance Manager in 2009.

Wouter was a faithful member of the St. Jude Catholic Church for over forty-four years. He was also active in numerous community activities through the years including; Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 18, Habitat for Humanity Construction Manager for 14 years, Board Member for CASA for 18 years, Treasurer for Lion's Club, and the Veteran's Memorial Park construction.

Wouter loved Scottsboro and was proud to be part of this community. He enjoyed hiking on fall days and boating with friends. He adored his wife, loved his children, and was the best playmate ever to his grandchildren. He was a

devoted brother, caring uncle, and loyal friend.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; children, Erick (Stephanie) Dieperink, Michelle (Joe) Belden, Heather (Luke) Optholt; siblings, Martin (Linda) Dieperink, Lidy (Gary) Johnson, Annie (Nick) Gough; grandchildren, Isabelle and Abby Dieperink; Laurel, Alice, and Joey Belden; Lucy, Emmett, and Ben Optholt.

A drive around visitation will be held on Friday, November 27, 2020 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at St. Jude Catholic Church for all friends. There will be a private funeral mass for family. Burial will be at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to Sayde's Fund for Spreading Hope through the First National Bank in Scottsboro, AL (Sayde's Fund, 655 Wynn Rd, Scottsboro, AL 35759) or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

210 South Cedar Hill Drive  
Scottsboro, AL 35768  
(256) 609-8166

# Previous Events

## Drive Through Visitation

NOV **27**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Jude Catholic Church  
17205 AL HWY 35  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Wouter Willem Dieperink*

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October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *My sincere condolences in the passing of Walter. Walter gave me the chance to join Mead.back in 1987 and I am thankful that he did. He always did the absolute best for the company. I truly enjoyed working for him and the many outings we had. I especially remember a Christmas dinner that Walter and you gave for the Engineering department one year. Walter was a wonderful man*  
*Sincerely*  
*Gus Angele*

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**Gus Angele** - December 18, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ *Joan and Family,*

*I have just now learned of Wout's passing. When I first met Wout, I was a young and very inexperienced engineer. Our common values and the Auburn University connection forged a quick bond, and he became an important mentor for me, both professionally and personally. My life is richer today because I knew Wout.*

*May God bless you in this time of sorrow and beyond. Thank you for sharing Wout with me.*

*Doug Wynn*

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**Doug Wynn** - December 03, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JR

“ Wout set the standard of a great family man, role model and caring uncle. I will always remember Wout for his guidance, advice and support. I will also remember the fun times on the Lake where it took me 9 years to finally stand up on Water Skiis at age 18. :) I will remember repelling at the Pinnacle, our hikes and most importantly just our 1:1 talks about life. He will be sorely missed. -Love your nephew, John

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**John Romeo** - November 30, 2020 at 04:18 PM

EK

“ Dutch was my Fraternity brother at Ohio State, he was always there to make me smile and his presence would light up a room. Whenever I think of my days at OSU Dutch is always there. I can't believe I won't hear the great voice or see that smile. Love you Dutch. Everett (Kim) Kimball

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**Everett Kimball** - November 27, 2020 at 04:08 PM

GD

“ It's Greg Duvall--so sorry for your loss of what was a special guy.

*Early on, after I met Wouter's dad, I remember talking to Walt about his father's actions when the Germans invaded the Netherlands during WWII. They were confiscating all of the people's weapons, and Walt's dad, being a machinist, constructed an oil filled tube, inserted the family rifle, and buried it on the farm. After the war he dug it up to find it perfectly preserved! Wouter always took pride in his father's skills, and often told me how he modeled himself after his dad.*

*As a young engineer, I was fortunate to have Wouter as a role model, teacher, and friend. He was my engineering sponsor during my application for my Professional Engineering license, and he gave me great advice about how to pass the exam and complete my engineering experience. Always the consummate professional, he taught me to break down engineering problems into manageable pieces and solve them one by one--a skill I used throughout my career.*

*I often think about our talks about Wouter's love for family, engineering, and old cars. I learned a lot from him about all three.*

*Rhonda and I send our prayers to your family and hope that you find consolation in the fact the Wouter was a truly good guy who had a positive influence on a great many people.*

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**Greg E. Duvall** - November 27, 2020 at 02:32 PM

CH

“ Joan and family, so sorry to hear of Wouter's passing. Liese and I often talk about our time we spent in Scottsboro. We greatly appreciated Wouter and your welcoming us to Scottsboro. Wouter was a great mentor and friend that I will always fondly remember our time together.

Charles Hawkins - November 25, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wouter Willem Dieperink.



November 25, 2020 at 09:47 AM

BJ

“ Bill and Lynn Jones send our prayers to your family. I always enjoyed working with Walter, he was a very good man.

bill jones - November 25, 2020 at 08:18 AM

GF

“ Gavin Blair and Family. purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mr. Wouter Willem Dieperink.



Gavin Blair and Family. - November 24, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wouter Willem Dieperink.*



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November 24, 2020 at 06:52 PM