



## Robert J. Wessel

April 21, 1965 - May 26, 2026

Robert Joseph Wessel, age 61, of Tarentum PA, passed away on May 26, 2026.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his mother, Carol J Martinek, sisters Jody (Jim) Kutchko and Kathy (Dave, nephews David and Caleb) Chizmar, and brother Eric Petitta and family. Son of the late Robert J Petitta.

Rob was not afraid of hard work, had a unique sense of humor, and spent the majority of his life working with his hands at careers in machine shops and auto mechanics. He had a lifelong passion of building model cars. He enjoyed going to Lernerville and Mercer, the McKeesport Model Railroad Club, 3 Rivers Auto Modelers, and racing slotcars at R-GEO Raceway.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Thomas Smith Funeral Home, located at 930 Center Avenue, Blawnox PA.

Pastoral service will be at 7:30pm.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; [www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.  
930 Center Avenue  
Blawnox, PA 15238

## Memorial Service

JUN 3. 7:30 PM (ET)

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