



## Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, November 22, 1928

**Died:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Vienna, NY – Dr. Robert Wielt passed away peacefully on March 31, 2020, at the age of 91. His loving family was by his side. He was born November 22, 1928 to William P. Wielt and Beatrice B. (Williamson) Wielt in Buskirk, NY, the 7th of 14 children. He graduated from Ballston Spa High School in 1946. He attended Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA, and Loma Linda University in California, where he received his medical degree. After interning in Washington, D.C., in 1965 he moved to Vienna, NY, and set up a private medical practice in Camden, NY, where he worked until his retirement in 1990, doing everything from giving routine physicals to treating heart attacks and even delivering babies. A true old-fashioned doctor, he made medical house calls until the very end of his practice. Whether in his office or in his patients' homes, he always made time to listen to and care about the people behind the illnesses. For seven years after retirement he worked as Medical Director for Mohawk Correctional Facility in Rome, NY.

## Service Summary

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### Private Services

Location: - *Not available* -

In 1951 he married Mary (Cincotta) Wielt in Schenectady, NY. Together they had five children. Over the years, his family expanded to include ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was a long-time member of the Vienna Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he served in a variety of leadership positions, volunteered countless hours, and practiced and taught true understanding of God and friendship with God, in whom he placed unwavering trust.

In his spare time he was an enthusiastic aviator, flying his Piper J-3 Cub and Cessna 180 from Becks Grove Airport, offering rides to anyone who was interested; a vegetable gardener, growing bushels of produce, especially tomatoes, each year; a skilled carpenter, which was his trade prior to attending medical school and which he used to assist in the building and upkeep of his and his children's homes; a lover of nature – hiking mountains, planting trees, camping, canoeing, and bird-watching; a reader and student of theology and history; a champion of his wife, Mary, as she became an artist; a generous and caring friend to many; a rock of wisdom and guidance for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who called him, respectively, Dad, Grandpa, and Growly Bear or Growly Grandpa for his ability to make bear-like sounds that were both fearsome and thrilling.

In his later years he split his time between his homes in NY and Mount Dora, FL, where in winter he enjoyed bike-riding, walks on the beach and lakeside paths, welcoming friends and family, befriending his neighbors, and remaining active

in the church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Wielt, of Vienna, NY; his five children – Diane Korson, of Ooltewah, TN, Peggy Slocum of Union Springs, NY, Mary Ellen Lewis and husband, Gerry, of Vienna, NY, Robert E. Wielt and wife, Ann, of Vienna, NY, and Jennifer Wielt, of Cazenovia, NY; his grandchildren – Amy Steele, Joshua Korson, Deborah Miller, Marissa Slocum, Heather Slocum, Kelly Bonin, Philip Slocum, Dr. Rachel Kodali, Heidi Bruso, and Alexander Wielt; Nine great-grandchildren; his siblings – Arlene Quay, Kay Voehrenger, Carol Larned, Helen (Honey) Turnbull, Richard (Butchy) Wielt, and Lawrence (Mickey) Wielt. He was predeceased by his parents, his baby sister, Kathleen, and his brothers Warren, Raymond, Donald, Alvin, Royal (Bucky), and William P. Jr.

He will be remembered for his big heart and sense of humor as evidenced by his distinctive chuckle, which was with him until the end. He remains forever beloved in the hearts of his family and friends and he rests safely in the arms of The Lord.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions private funeral arrangements were under the direction of LaRobardiere Funeral Home, Inc., Camden, NY. Interment took place in McConnellsville Cemetery. You may view the obituary or send a message of condolence at [www.larobardierefuneralhome.com](http://www.larobardierefuneralhome.com)