



Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX

April 18, 1983 - December 12, 2024

Portsmouth – It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Sergeant Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX, a beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, friend, and respected member of the police force. Sergeant Wolterbeek, 41, passed away on December 12, 2024.

Jacob was the kind of man whose love for his family and friends was immeasurable, whose laughter filled every room, and whose presence made everything feel just a little brighter.

Among all the things that made Jacob who he was, there was one love that stood above all else: his incredible love for his wife, Julie. Their love was something rare and beautiful—a partnership built on respect, trust, and an unwavering devotion to one another. Through all of life's ups and downs, Jacob and Julie stood side by side, facing everything together. It wasn't just the big moments that made their relationship special, but the little ones—those quiet evenings spent together, the shared glances, and the way they laughed at each other's jokes like they were hearing them for the first time. Jacob adored Julie in a way that only true love can inspire—his eyes would light up whenever he spoke of her, and his affection for her was evident in every word, every gesture, every act of kindness.

Jacob was also an incredible father. To his children, he was a hero—a

constant source of guidance, support, and above all, love. His ability to make them feel cherished, every single day, was something that will live on in their hearts forever. Jacob had a gift for making his girls feel like the most beautiful, special people in the world. Whether it was with a simple compliment or a heartfelt message, he would always remind them of their worth. He didn't just tell them they were beautiful; he showed them what true beauty meant—through kindness, laughter, and a love that never wavered.

One of Jacob's greatest joys was being outside with his son, playing in the yard and riding the tractor around the block. It was their time. Their adventure. The tractor wasn't just a vehicle—it was a symbol of Jacob's quiet strength, his nurturing spirit, and his love for teaching his son how to be a man of character. Jacob cherished these moments, and they will remain etched in the hearts of his son and everyone who knew him.

His dad jokes—endlessly cheesy, but always delivered with a wink and a smile—became a cornerstone of the home he and Julie built. No matter how many times they had heard the punchline, Julie and the kids couldn't help but laugh. It was Jacob's way of making sure that laughter filled their lives, that joy would always find a way to shine, even on the toughest days.

As the second child in a very large family, Jacob loved his entire family with his whole heart. His family was his rock, and he cherished every moment with them. Jacob found joy in the little things—watching nieces and nephews play their team games, decorating Christmas cookies, enjoying appetizers, a family dinner, or time at Swan's Island. He was always willing to help, especially if that help required using an excavator, tractor or chainsaw, even if they weren't really necessary. His love for his family was evident in everything he did, and he made sure they knew how deeply he cared. Jacob was the one who reached out, who checked in, who made plans. He was the glue and he managed to have meaningful relationships with everyone in his life.

A dedicated and passionate member of the law enforcement community for over 18 years, Jacob's commitment to his work was unwavering. As a Sergeant, he led by example, embodying the values of integrity, bravery, and service. His fellow officers often remarked that he served with compassion, thoughtfulness and humor. He was a protector of his community, always ready to step up when needed, and he took immense pride in knowing he made a difference every day. His sense of humor, kindness, and larger-than-life personality made him a beloved figure not only among his colleagues but with everyone he encountered. Jay was a man of action and those actions always improved the lives of those around him.

Jacob was known for his infectious laugh and his ability to lighten any room with his jokes and stories. Despite the challenges of his job, he always found a way to make others smile, spreading warmth and positivity wherever he went. His genuine, kind-hearted nature touched countless lives, and those who knew him will remember his loyalty, generosity, and the way he made everyone feel like family.

Jacob's legacy will live on through his family, friends, and colleagues. He will be incredibly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His contributions to law enforcement, his unwavering love for his family, and his enduring spirit of kindness and humor will never be forgotten.

Jacob is survived by his loving wife Julie, parents Ky & Jake Wolterbeek VIII, his children, Evelyn, Emma and Jacob X "Jack"; siblings, Ellen (Joe), Daniel (Jen), Candy (Emarie), Tatyana (Kris), Alexis (Sam), Anna, Owen, and Hope; many nieces and nephews and a large extended family.

A walk-thru for police officers and other public safety personnel will be held

from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Public visiting hours will follow from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton and can be viewed via livestream by clicking here the hour of the mass (<http://olmmparish.org/live-streaming/>). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to support the family at gofundme by clicking here (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/2pasyv-in-memory-of-jacob>)

Additional parking for the public is being made available adjacent to the funeral home by the Best Western Hotel behind their Conference Center for the visitation and at the Galley Hatch and CVS parking lot for the mass.

Rest in peace, Sergeant Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX. You will forever be missed, but never forgotten.

Previous Events

Walk-Thru for Police Officers and Public Safety Personnel

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Public Visitation

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - December 16, 2024 at 03:04 PM

MG

“ *Julie and the entire Wolterbeek family, This must be especially hard at the holidays. I want you to know that we are thinking of you. Our connection with you is only stronger and you are part of the Biddeford family forever. All our love at Christmas and throughout the new year. Mayor Marty Grohman*

PS a group of Biddeford restaurants would like to do a fundraiser for you. We will be in touch about that in early January.

Martin Grohman - December 25, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ *Condolences to his family*



Carson Loveless - December 20, 2024 at 08:34 PM

TS

“ I wanted to share my sympathy and offer my condolences to Sgt Jacob's family, his wife, small children, and all his coworkers at Biddeford agency. In Biddeford we were very fortunate to have someone like Jacob. It just doesn't seem fair. I especially wanted to make my appreciation known by recognizing his kindness, understanding, compassion, and his ability to solve problems quickly by his *decision-making. I was struck with sadness over his sudden loss and will always remember him.
Rip Dearest Officer, "Sgt." Jacob Woltenbeek. Thank you up to heaven. Tabatha Jan Sheltra

Tabatha Janet Sheltra - December 20, 2024 at 06:25 PM

TS

Sorry. ((Wolterbeek)). Your last name spelled correctly.

Tabatha Janet Sheltra - December 20, 2024 at 06:29 PM

DR

“ Officer Wolterbeek was a wonderful person and police officer. Over the years, he would come by Biddeford Intermediate School to check on things in case we needed him. Great with kids and always with a big smile on his face. He will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to his family and the Biddeford Police Department.
Debra M (Kenney) Risbara



Debra Risbara - December 19, 2024 at 05:08 PM

SR

“ Our time working together was not all that long, but it was clear you were destined to be a fantastic police officer. And you were!

I and many others are proud to say you touched our lives in ways that defines what the thin blue line really means! Our loss is genuine and you will forever remain in our hearts. Rest easy Sgt. and look over us until we meet again!

Steve Martin, BPD Retired - December 19, 2024 at 03:46 PM

MR

“ He was a great law enforcement officer for our community - sympathies to his family and the Biddeford Police Department.

Maureen Redmond - December 19, 2024 at 07:51 AM

TF

“ The Duffy family purchased the Delightful Decadence Gift Basket for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



The Duffy family - December 18, 2024 at 08:25 PM

CA

“ Chiqui Alvarez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



Chiqui Alvarez - December 18, 2024 at 04:42 PM

CA

“ Chiqui Alvarez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.

Chiqui Alvarez - December 18, 2024 at 04:42 PM

AF

“ All our love, the Yarborough family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



All our love, the Yarborough family - December 18, 2024 at 12:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



December 17, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



December 17, 2024 at 01:08 PM

RH

“ ReStore/Affiliate Habitat for Humanity purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



ReStore/Affiliate Habitat for Humanity - December 17, 2024 at 10:45 AM

DJ

“ What an incredible loss for your family and our community. I knew you as an engaged father of three fantastic kids who was often in the office for their visits. Your love for your family was clear and will help be the strength they need as they face this huge loss.

Dr Johnson - December 17, 2024 at 09:03 AM

RM

“ Randy, Melissa and Victor Medeiros planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.

Randy, Melissa and Victor Medeiros - December 17, 2024 at 07:06 AM

RM

“ Randy, Melissa and Victor Medeiros purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



Randy, Melissa and Victor Medeiros - December 17, 2024 at 07:06 AM

EW

“ *Ellen Wentworth lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX*



Ellen Wentworth - December 16, 2024 at 07:10 PM

TF

“ *The St. Onge Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.*



The St. Onge Family - December 16, 2024 at 05:46 PM

TF

“ *The Penney family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.*

The Penney family - December 16, 2024 at 05:39 PM

TF

“ *The Penney family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.*



The Penney family - December 16, 2024 at 05:39 PM

GB

“ Jake, Ky, and family,
We may not have seen you since your move away but we have thought of you and have always wished you well.
We're thinking of you now and wishing you comfort and peace.
Greg and Kathy

Gregory Baston - December 16, 2024 at 05:28 PM

EC

“ Ellie Girard and Doug Correll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.

Ellie Girard and Doug Correll - December 16, 2024 at 03:02 PM

EC

“ Ellie Girard and Doug Correll purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



Ellie Girard and Doug Correll - December 16, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



December 16, 2024 at 12:10 PM

FR

“ Former Biddeford Resident planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.

Former Biddeford Resident - December 16, 2024 at 08:43 AM

FR

“ Former Biddeford Resident purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



Former Biddeford Resident - December 16, 2024 at 08:43 AM

BD

“ Biddeford Public Works Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.

Biddeford Public Works Department - December 16, 2024 at 08:26 AM

BD

“ Biddeford Public Works Department purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



Biddeford Public Works Department - December 16, 2024 at 08:26 AM

GD

“ Although I never knew you, Brother, my time "on the Job" was in the 70s & 80s, once an LEO, always an LEO. There is nothing sadder than losing a Brother or Sister LEO. I pray for those you left behind. Rest in Peace my Brother.....

Gary DesRosiers - December 16, 2024 at 07:04 AM

JA

“ Jan lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX



Jan - December 16, 2024 at 04:34 AM

DM

“ Donna M Meyer Miller lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX



Donna M Meyer Miller - December 16, 2024 at 12:31 AM

DD

“ Dave & Tia Damphousse purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.



Dave & Tia Damphousse - December 15, 2024 at 08:55 PM

SO

“ *Sonja lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX*



Sonja - December 15, 2024 at 06:34 PM

DN

“ *Debra And Stacy Noyes lit a candle in memory of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX*



Debra and Stacy Noyes - December 15, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.*

December 15, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sgt. Jacob C. Wolterbeek IX.*



December 15, 2024 at 04:18 PM

JG

“ As I reflect on the life of my dear friend, Jake, who was more than just a coworker, he was like the little brother I never knew I needed. I think of the words "Beyond the badge". We first met at the PD, as I was his field training officer and mentor as he took on the challenge of becoming a police officer. Jake and I quickly formed a friendship that resulted in us living together and spending time together outside work. Jake and I became close, personally and professionally. He had a way of lighting up any room he walked into with his sharp wit and heart as big as mountains.

Jake was a man of deep loyalty and an ability to find humor in anything, even in the toughest situations. Jake not only cared about the community he served, but also for those closest to him. Jake was a huge family man and family always came first. While I hope I was able to help Jake grow into the man he became, personally and professionally, Jake helped me remember the value of family, as I was distant with mine for many years.

Life took Jake and I in different directions the last few years after I left the PD, but Jake was my little brother for life. To me, Jake wasn't just a friend, he was family. Whether it was out at the clubs making new friends, or in the thick of it on the job, Jake always embodied what truly mattered in life: loyalty, love, humor and living with purpose.

Jake's passing leaves a hole that will never be filled, but his spirit lives on in every story, every memory and every lesson he left behind. Jake, you'll forever be missed, but you'll never be forgotten. Thank you for your friendship, with me and my grandmother. Thank you for the laughter, your loyalty and for being the little brother I could always count on.

Rest easy, my friend.

Jeff Greene

Jeff Greene - December 15, 2024 at 01:21 PM

KW

Thank you Jeff. We will rally around Julie and the kids and always make sure they know all about their dad. You were a great friend to him. Ky

Ky Wolterbeek - December 15, 2024 at 08:36 PM

PC

“ To all of the Wolterbeek family, Words cannot express the true sorrow that I feel for all of you for your loss. Jay was a really and truly an outstanding person in so many ways. Please accept my deepest condolences and my prayers to all of you. Sincerely, Phil Crystal

Phil Crystal - December 15, 2024 at 12:44 PM

KW

Thank you, Phil. We know how much joy and many laughs he gave to you. We know you loved him. Life will never be the same. Ky

Ky Wolterbeek - December 23, 2024 at 12:31 PM