



Wayne Wade

April 20, 1944 - December 21, 2020

GREENFIELD – Wayne W. Wade, age 76, of Greenfield, passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020. He was born in Big Stone Gap, Virginia on April 20, 1944 to William and Mattie Mae (Young) Wade. Wayne was an U.S. Army Veteran from 1964 to 1967. Spending his time overseas guarding the Berlin Wall. Wayne married Wanda on July 2, 1988, sharing a love that stood the test of time through sickness and death.

He worked 32 years at Ford Motor Co., retiring in the summer of 2000. He was a member of the American Legions Post 119. Wayne loved God, family, and his country. Prior to Wayne's stroke in December 2016, he enjoyed horse racing, taking trips, especially trips to the casinos and river boats. He loved his bonus grandchildren stopping by and visiting always saying "Hi Pop" with a high five and never leaving without saying "I Love You."

Wayne is survived by his wife, Wanda Wade; son, Donnie (Lesley) Wade; daughter, Annette (Mike) Benore; bonus daughter, Tina (Tom) Riddle; bonus son, Michael (Jenni) Leary; grandchildren, Zachary (Courtney) Wade, Alexa (Amos) Stoltzfus, Olivia Williams, and Josh Benore; great-grandson, Xavier Anderson; bonus grandchildren, Megan, Nick, Branden Leary; and brothers, Donald (Marlene) Wade, Kenneth (Sheila) Wade, Greg (Deborah) Wade, Tony Wade, Gaphina Miller, and Billie Canfield. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mattie Mae Wade; son, Benjamin Wade; sisters, Joan Guthrie and Jawanta Phillips; and brothers, Ronnie Wade and Michael Wade.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 26, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A private funeral service will take place. Reverend Bobby Walden will be officiating. Following the service burial will take place at Park Cemetery in Greenfield with military rites presented by the Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard. Friends and family are invited to attend the committal service at the cemetery. As a reminder, the government mandate requires guests to wear masks when inside our building. We are limited to a capacity of 25 guests at a time and please practice social distancing at the mortuary and cemetery.

Wayne's family would like to thank Zach Eppert with Grace at Home for the excellent care he gave Wayne. Also, a big Thank You to Rhonda Glenn with Brookdale Hospice during this difficult time for all the compassion and care she showed.

Friends may share a memory or condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Cemetery

Events

Park Cemetery

621 South State Street
Greenfield, IN, 46140

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield

1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

Comments



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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - December 29, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Grandpa,

There are so many memories that I could share but I'll pick one. Summer of 2016 I drove from Omaha to pick you up in Indianapolis. We then drove up to Michigan to meet Aunt Annette, Mike, the kids, and my dad. During our drive we got to talk about so many things we had never talked about before. Since it was the first time we had really talked since I had joined the service. I got to see a side of you grandpa that I had never seen before because we had that mutual bond of brotherhood. I will forever cherish all of my memories with you, but this one especially I hold very near to my heart. May you rest peacefully in heaven and until we meet again I will say you will be missed dearly and I love you.

Love,

Zachary and Courtney Wade

Zachary Wade - December 26, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Dear grandpa,

You're missed dearly by so many, and your memory lingers in all of our heads at this time. You will continue to be present in our memories, as well as our hearts. It breaks my heart knowing the last time I said goodbye to you truly was the last time I'd see your smiling face. Although, it brings me to peace knowing you are much happier in a peaceful state, painless state more importantly. You always were the light of the room, making jokes and making conversation with anyone who crossed your path. You are a strong warrior, you fought hard through everything you faced, and you did it all with a smile, and a loving heart. I love you so much, and will continue to miss you every day, especially you telling me i looked prettier every time you saw me, you really made me feel loved and appreciated. I wish these past couple years were easier for you, less pain and more happiness, although you didn't demonstrate that you were in pain, we all knew and wanted nothing but for you to feel better. I hope you remember how loved you are by so many people, and how much you positively affected people. You truly are amazing within itself. I wish I could give you one more hug and tell you how much I love you. Thank you for encouraging me to always go out and be my best and to try new things. While also encouraging me with what I'm doing with my life currently. I am beyond glad i was able to call you my grandpa, as well as my mom have you as a father. I know she loves and misses you dearly but continues to pray for your well being in a different spiritual realm now. Please look over us and allow us to expereince peace in losing your wonderful and loving soul. I pray that your soul is at rest and peace, while your memory will continue to live on. I love you endlessly, and miss you oh so dearly. I love you grandpa, may you forever Rest In Peace.

Yours truly,

Olivia Williams

Michael Benore - December 25, 2020 at 09:37 PM



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Michael Benore - December 25, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ The reason that I feel such a profound loss is because I had such a profound blessing. The woman that I am today, is because of the amazing man that I'm fortunate to be able to call my dad. The unconditional love that he gave so freely, led me to become a strong and confident woman. He showed me through his actions how to be strong and resilient, but to have a kind heart, to be gentle, and patient towards others. For this, I am forever grateful, as it has given me values and provided guidance throughout my life. He was a man who had a committed faith in God, which lead me to have a strong faith. Dad had an amazing sense of humor that could make an entire group of people erupt into a fit of laughter. Dad's sense of humor taught me how to be happy and to see the beauty in the little things in life. No matter where I go, or what I do, there is always a part of you in my heart. I have countless father-daughter memories to cherish for a lifetime. God has you in his arms but I have you in my heart. I'm so thankful for all those memories. I love you and I'll miss you every day until we meet again.

Annette Williams-Benore - December 24, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ Wayne was the best uncle. He always had a hug to give and a great big smile! He loved my kids so much! He will be greatly missed!

Tammy Price - December 24, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ Wayne was an inspiration to me. His family was the most important thing in his life, and he had a relationship with my wife Annette that I see a model for the relationship I aspire to with my stepdaughters. He was a great man in so many ways, had strong and deep faith, and was a loving husband, father (and stepfather), grandfather, brother, and friend. Wayne, we love you and you will be greatly missed. -- Mike Benore (husband of Annette Wade Williams-Benore)

Michael Benore - December 24, 2020 at 11:38 AM



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Michael Benore - December 24, 2020 at 11:32 AM



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Michael Benore - December 24, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ There are few words that can adequately describe my father. But I'll share a few. He showed me how to be a father. And more importantly, how to be a good father. He truly had a gift with children. He modeled hard work and persistence everyday of my younger years. He had a wonderful love for life and a healthy Appalachian sense of humor. He liked things just so and was willing to put in the work to make them that way. He was a man of few words but those words were full of wisdom. He was a good man and it was important to him that I became a good man. I will forever be grateful for the lessons he taught without saying a word and I'm comforted to know his relationship with God and Jesus will bring him eternal peace. I love you Dad.

Donnie Wade - December 22, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Annette, Donnie and family, we had the pleasure of meeting and spending time with your father when he was in Michigan for visits. He always had a smile on his face and really enjoyed telling and listening to a good story, when we would sit around and chat. May he rest in peace and may God be with all of you during this time. Mike and Donna

Donna Devlin - December 23, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Thank you Donna & Mike. These are memories that we will always cherish.

Annette Williams-Benore - December 26, 2020 at 03:36 PM