



Wayne W. Mays

September 1, 1941 - August 1, 2022

Wayne W. Mays of Alexandria, Virginia passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, August 1, 2022. Wayne was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 55 years, Patricia Golladay Mays and his son-in-law William “Woody” Betts. Wayne was the devoted father to Tammie Betts and Jennifer Mays and the proud and loving grandfather to Aaron Betts and Ryan Betts.

Wayne is survived by his brothers Jimmy Mays, Greg Mays and Danny Mays; sisters Gail Brandenburg and Gracie Mays. He is preceded in death by his brothers Richard “Dick” Mays, Jr. and Phil Mays; sisters Anne Redwine and Iris Mays.

Wayne was born on September 1, 1941, in a barn in rural Amherst County, Virginia to Richard Daniel Mays and Mattie Dora Cash Mays. Although he lived in Alexandria for most of his life, he still called Amherst County home. In his early years, Wayne enlisted with the Army National Guard, and following his honorable discharge, he was an insurance agent for Equitable Life. Later, he entered the roofing industry where he worked with his late brother Dick. There were no two brothers closer than Dick and Wayne. Faithfully each week they headed to the family farm in Amherst County where they worked the cattle, cut hay, and maintained the property and equipment. After the passing of brother Dick, Wayne continued the family farming tradition with his nephew Ricky Mays, brother Greg Mays and honorary grandson, Jake Keene. Wayne

was a lifetime farmer and was happiest spending time on his John Deere Tractor.

Wayne's family and friends meant everything to him. Aside from farming, he loved spending time talking with his family and friends, especially sharing "stories" with his grandsons. Not to mention the countless hours he and his brother Jimmy spent talking on the phone.

Wayne was a member of Mount Calvary Community Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He loved his "little white church by the side of the road" and considered the congregation to be family. During his illness, he and his daughters faithfully watched church services on Sunday morning on the computer. He enjoyed listening to Pastor Charlie preach, but more than anything, he enjoyed the music and the concerts.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider making a donation in Wayne's memory to Boys Town, P.O. Box 8000, Boys Town, NE 68010 (boystown.org), or Mount Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah Street, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

AUG 8. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairfax Memorial Park
9900 BRADDOCK ROAD
FAIRFAX, VA 22032

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne W. Mays

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Tammie and Jennifer, I was so shocked to hear of your Dad's passing. I broke down when Bill told me. I wish I was able to travel to be with your family at this moment of loss. I am in my second year of fighting Stage 4 Colon cancer and Stage 3a Renal failure. I wish I could be there with you both but it is all I can do to get back and forth to the doctor now. Sharon and I always believed that the Bible tells us that the life span of man has been allowed at three score and ten or four score in good countenance. But you will not read anywhere in the Bible where you are guaranteed your next breath. Sharon and I always said that if God ain't ready for you can't nothing kill you and if he is ready for you all the doctors on earth can't keep you here. God was ready for your Dad and you Dad was ready for God. Just rest assured that you will see all of your loved ones on high on your glorious day. May the love of God grant you mercy and peace in the days that are to follow. God bless you both.

Jesse M. Colson Jr. - August 05, 2022 at 10:06 PM



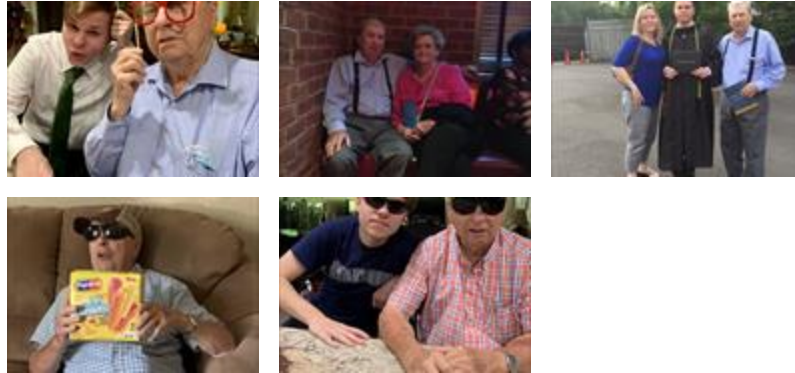
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne W. Mays.



August 05, 2022 at 09:53 AM

TB

“ 36 files added to the tribute wall



Tammie Betts - August 03, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wayne W. Mays.



August 02, 2022 at 08:59 PM

BA

“ So sorry to hear about Wayne . I have lots of memories of that part of my life with the mays family. They were wonderful memories like driving the hay truck any vacuum they flies out of the windows

Bertha Arthur - August 02, 2022 at 08:02 PM

GM

“ I loved my brother very much. The last few years were not to good. I wish I could have made things better. But God knows my heart. Love to Tammie, Jennifer and the boys.



Gracie Mays - August 02, 2022 at 04:49 PM

RH

Cousins from Virginia loved Wayne. We will miss that phone call in the special way he said "RANDY". My dad, Dale, especially loved his Northern Virginia cousins. We wish peace for his family and know that your cousins in Piney River are praying for you all.

Randy Harvey - August 02, 2022 at 07:32 PM



My friend you will be truly missed. You were always a blessing to be around.

Patty & Ron Nethercutt

Patty Nethercutt - August 04, 2022 at 11:01 AM