



Martin Wayne Mayhew

February 26, 1939 - June 24, 2019

The Lord saw you getting tired and so He reached His loving arms down and took you to your heavenly home He had prepared for you.

Martin Wayne Mayhew of 209 School Road, Hurt went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, June 24, 2019, following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born on February 26, 1939, in Gretna, the oldest child of the late Clarence Edward and Annie Gatewood Mayhew.

Wayne leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 48 years, Emily Atkinson Mayhew of the residence, sons Tony Wayne Mayhew and his wife Kathy and Bobby Gene Colbert all of Hurt. He was predeceased in death by his daughter,

Judy Colbert Reynolds, son-in-law, Ted D. Reynolds and sister-in-law, Margot Mayhew.

Also surviving are two granddaughters, Heather Reynolds McClintic (Paul) of Rocky Mount and Holly Nelson-Rodriguez (Edward) of Lynch Station, three great-granddaughters Elodie and Afton McClintic of Rocky Mount and Olivia Nelson-Rodriguez of Lynch Station. Additionally, he is survived by brothers Roger Mayhew of Gretna and Larry Mayhew (Carole) of Stanardsville, and a sister Faye Mayhew Craddock (Dennis) of Henderson, North Carolina and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be greatly

missed by those whom he leaves behind but the precious memories of the years we had him here on earth will live in our hearts forever.

Wayne was definitely a people person, noted for his infectious smile/laugh and always being full of life. He never let his declining health take away his joy for life and living it to the fullest.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in the 501st Medical Detachment in Fulda, Germany for two years.

Employed by Peoples Mutual Telephone Company for 40 years, he was very proud to be a part of the "Fitzgerald Telephone Family," as they lovingly referred to their employees. Working with the public in the local area gave him the chance to interface with lots of folks in the community and he never met a stranger. In addition to his work at the phone company he also enjoyed farming and raising beef cattle for a number of years until his declining health.

Wayne was also very active in the community. He was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church, where he attended regularly until his declining health and a member of the Hurt Volunteer Fire Department for many years serving in many positions including Chief.

Additionally, he was a member of Polk #61 AM and FM Masonic Lodge where he served in many chairs, including Worshipful Master and attended regularly until his health prohibited.

Wayne had a love for traveling, especially on his Harley-Davidson or cruising. He was an avid motorcyclist who has ridden in all 50 states. He rode his own Harley-Davidson in all of the lower 48 states and rented a Harley in Alaska and Hawaii so he could check them off his bucket list.

His love for cruising ranked right up there with his love for biking! Over the years, he and Emily have been on 25+ cruises. Even after he had to give up riding his bike, he still enjoyed cruising with the aid of his mobility scooter, just recently having returned from a cruise to the Caribbean in May 2019.

A celebration of Wayne's life will be conducted on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 2:00 PM at New Prospect Baptist Church by the Reverends Brady Willis and Joshua Crews with interment to follow in the church cemetery with Military Honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, and at other times at the residence.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the nurses and staff at the Alan B. Pierson Cancer Center and Centra Hospice for all the support and care over the past years. Deep appreciation and gratitude also goes to Dr. Kathleen Paul of Lynchburg Hematology and Oncology for her superior constant care and unwavering support during Wayne's illness. Heartfelt thanks and gratitude is also extended to all the family and friends who have supported us in so many ways as we traveled this journey.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials please consider New Prospect Baptist Building Fund, 509 Prospect Road, Hurt, VA 24563 or the Hurt Volunteer Fire Department, 203 School Road, Hurt, VA 24563.

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery

509 Prospect Rd.
Hurt, VA 24563

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

New Prospect Baptist Church
509 Prospect Rd.
Hurt, VA 24563

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 26, 2019 at 08:51 AM

RM

“ *Emily, Gene, Tony, and family, We are so sorry to about the loss of your loved one. Wayne was a great person. We love them. He will truly be missed. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. With Love, R.L., Jr., Ricki, and R.L., III. The MAttox Family*



Ricki MAttox - June 27, 2019 at 01:18 PM

JF

“ *Joyce D. Fisher lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Joyce D. Fisher - June 27, 2019 at 01:00 PM

TT

“ Teri Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew



Teri Tomlinson - June 27, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martin Wayne Mayhew .



June 27, 2019 at 10:18 AM

RO

“ Wayne was one of those men I wish I met earlier and had opportunity to know better. Never saw him without a big, beaming smile that seemed to go from 'here to there' and spoke volumes! Our condolences to Mrs. Emily Mayhew, his sons, Gene, and to his entire family. Robert Durr and Karlene Bloom.

robert - June 27, 2019 at 08:58 AM

BT

“ We will cherish the good times we shared with Wayne and Emily, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family! May God bless you with peace and comfort in this time of grief. Sending a big hug, Betty & Pinky



Betty Talbott - June 26, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin Wayne Mayhew .*



June 26, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ *Dixie And Gary Poindexter lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Dixie and Gary Poindexter - June 26, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *Greatest time when we were kids at reunion Wayne would hook up the mule to wagon and take us all up over the mountain.*

Judy Kemp - June 26, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Martin Wayne Mayhew .*



June 26, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Martin Wayne Mayhew .*



June 26, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. Always loved spending time with Wayne.*



Debbie Higgins - June 26, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *Your System One Team purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Martin Wayne Mayhew .*



Your System One Team - June 26, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Angie Gledhill - June 26, 2019 at 11:23 AM

SS

“ I still remember my first cruise experience and Meeting Wayne and Emily for the first time. Every time I have seen them since they always greet me with a smile and open hearts.

Enjoyed getting to know you guys these past 14-15 years. He was a joy to visit with and even though it's sad I'm glad to know that he is in a better place and is comfortable and at peace. RIP my friend. Emily we will keep in touch. Shana and Randy Sayers



Shana Sayers - June 26, 2019 at 10:39 AM

MS

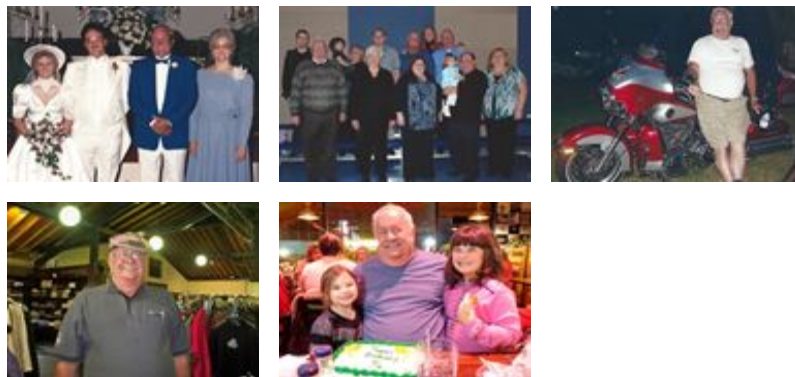
“ Martha Shelton lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew



Martha Shelton - June 26, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 26, 2019 at 07:45 AM

JF

“ Judy Kemp & family and Pat Higgins & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin Wayne Mayhew .



Judy Kemp & family and Pat Higgins & family - June 25, 2019
at 11:14 PM

BB

“ Had a great visit with Wayne a couple of days before his passing . We talked about old times and the simple life style most of us had . I asked Wayne did he ever think a country boy from the Meadows would ever see and experience the things that he saw and was able to do . He said "not in my widest dreams" RIP Wayne you fought the good fight and won .

Bud Brown - June 25, 2019 at 10:53 PM

KT

“ Our family is saddened by the loss of Mr.Mayhew.We are so grateful for both he &Emily’s support of Karson and prayers.Knowing he is at peace with our Heavenly Father and no longer dealing with the pain and effects of lymphoma.. we hold the entire family in prayer! Love to all!
The Taylor Family



K Taylor - June 25, 2019 at 10:21 PM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and the family.

Ronnie and Fay Chalmers - June 25, 2019 at 08:25 PM

BA

“ *Bill & Betty Adkins lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Bill & Betty Adkins - June 25, 2019 at 08:05 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Walker lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Kathy Walker - June 25, 2019 at 07:29 PM

HM

“ *To Tony and the Mathew Family. Sorry to hear about the passing of Wayne. He is going to be well missed. My condolences to the family and the family are in my prayers as you go through this time of sorrow.*
Howard Martin Richmond, Va. Formly, Gretna



Howard Martin - June 25, 2019 at 07:12 PM

NR

“ *NANCY DAWSON ROLFE lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



NANCY DAWSON ROLFE - June 25, 2019 at 06:51 PM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Eddie Puckette - June 25, 2019 at 05:45 PM

SB

“ *Emily & Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He's free of suffering and pain. I first met Wayne when I worked at Klopman and he serviced phones. He always kept everyone laughing. He was a special man and will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Edwin & Sue Blackstock

Sue Blackstock - June 25, 2019 at 05:26 PM

IO

“ *Ina O'Neil purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martin Wayne Mayhew .*



Ina O'Neil - June 25, 2019 at 03:07 PM

RM

“ Emily, Tony, Kathy, and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. He will truly be missed. We are sending prayers and thoughts. He was a great person and friend. With Love, R.L., JR., Ricki, and R.L., III. The Mattox Family.



Ricki MAttox - June 25, 2019 at 02:44 PM

SN

“ Steve Nichols lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew



Steve Nichols - June 25, 2019 at 02:35 PM

GG

“ So very,very sorry.



Gwen Goggin - June 25, 2019 at 01:43 PM

NR

“ Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew



Nancy Roark - June 25, 2019 at 01:08 PM

NR

Wayne never met a stranger and always had that big smile. Fly high Wayne, you have earned your wings!

Nancy Roark - June 25, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Ralph Woods - June 25, 2019 at 12:57 PM

GW

“ *Sorry for your loss.praying for the family*

Gwenda Willard - June 25, 2019 at 11:59 AM

DH

“ *Such a wonderful man. Will be missed greatly. Sending love and prayers to you all.*



Debbie Hensley - June 25, 2019 at 11:55 AM

DM

“ *Dot Rorer Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Dot Rorer Mitchell - June 25, 2019 at 11:37 AM

LR

“ *Larry And Nadine Roach lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Larry and Nadine Roach - June 25, 2019 at 11:07 AM

PP

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Wayne for the first time when I worked for Centel (known then) and later on as Sprint. Wayne would come to our Central office and he would always come in the front office to see us girls. His smile and witty statements were always welcomed. He kept us laughing. My thought and prayers are with you Emily and rest of family.*



Pat Puckette - June 25, 2019 at 10:58 AM

PP

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing him when I worked at Centel (back then) and later Sprint. The two company's worked close with each other. Wayne would always come in the front office to see us girls when he came to the central office. His smile and witty remarks was always welcomed. My thought and prayers are with Emily and rest of family.*



Pat Puckette - June 25, 2019 at 10:52 AM

PD

“ *Phyllis & Glenn Dalton lit a candle in memory of Martin Wayne Mayhew*



Phyllis & Glenn Dalton - June 25, 2019 at 10:24 AM