



Wayne T. Jeffries

June 17, 1922 - November 2, 2016

Wayne T. Jeffries, age 94 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Wednesday morning, November 2, 2016, at 4:59 AM at Baptist Health Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

Wayne was born June 17, 1922 in rural Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of Louis E. and Maggie (Trafford) Jeffries.

On May 26, 1948, Wayne was united in marriage to Shirley Moore at Anna, Illinois. She preceded him in death on December 9, 2000.

Survivors include: his daughters – Blenda Humphrey of Paducah, Kentucky, Donita (her husband, Ronnie) Jeffries-Kerr of Phoenix, Arizona, Shirlyn (her husband, Jack) Land of Metropolis, Anneice (her husband, J.P.) Watkins of Vienna, and Carol (her husband, John) Jeffries-Chester of Marion; 6 grandchildren – Charles Humphrey of Brownsburg, Indiana, Kyle (his wife, Catherine) Humphrey of Paducah, Kentucky, Erika (her husband, Dwayne) Davis of Greenwood, Indiana, Sheba (her husband, Ryan) Rademaker of Vienna, Megan Watkins of Marion, and Sean (his wife, Mandie) Chester of Marion; 8 great grandchildren – Annabelle, Oisin, Tiffini, Anthony, Tim, Ayden, Jaylyn, and Emma; and 2 nieces – Peggy Vayette of New Athens and Ruth Yoakum of Iberia, Missouri.

In addition to his parents and wife, Wayne was preceded in death by an infant son – James Louis Jeffries, his sister – Norma Taylor and a nephew – Donnie Taylor.

After completing high school, Wayne joined the U.S. Navy (serving from January 1941-January 1947). His wartime service was with a patrol squadron (VP-83), a seaplane squadron based near Natal Brazil. During convoy and anti-submarine warfare, the squadron was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for sinking 1 Italian and 6 German submarines and assisting in destroying 2 additional German U-Boats and 1 German blockade runner. Wayne's other overseas duty was on the Island of Guam from 1945-1946.

Following his release from the Navy, Wayne worked as clerk in his sister and brother-in-law's grocery store (The Farmer's Market) located at the corner of 3rd and Main Streets in Vienna for a time. Then, he went to work with Republic Steel in South Chicago as a third helper on one of their open hearth furnaces in the melt shop. Wayne remembers this experience as "both the hottest and coldest time of my life." He worked there until a coal strike forced a shutdown of the furnaces and a workers lay off. Wayne then came back home to Johnson County. He and Shirley were married and they moved to Aurora, Illinois where he went to work for Barber-Greene, a manufacturer of road surfacing and material handling equipment, working there until another layoff because of a recession.

Returning to Johnson County, he bought a tractor and equipment and started farming on the home place. Later, he began a career with the United States Postal Service, starting when the post office was across 4th street from the Drover's Bank building on the Vienna courthouse square. Wayne retired in 1985 from the present Vienna post office location. At one time, a produce business was located on this site and Wayne had worked there on Saturdays during his high school years.

Wayne is fondly remembered for his love of the outdoors and for being an avid “rock hound.” He loved tending to his farm. But, he took his greatest pride and joy in his 5 girls.

Wayne faithfully attended Vienna First United Methodist Church.

A service honoring the life of Wayne Jeffries will be conducted Saturday morning, November 5, 2016, at 10:30 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Joe Richard will officiate. Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the U.S. Navy Burial Honors Detail and the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222.

Visitation will be held Friday evening, November 4, 2016 from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1349, Vienna, Illinois 62995, the United Methodist Children’s Home, 2023 Richview Road, Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or to the charity of the donor’s choice.

To share a memory of Wayne or to leave a message of condolence for his family, please visit www.baileyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Tribute Wall



“ Wayne T. Jeffries

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Barbara Studley lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Barbara Studley - November 11, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ I am so sorry about your dad. I will always remember that wonderful man that sat behind me in church. He had such a positive attitude and I looked forward to seeing him. He will certainly be an angel in heaven. My heart goes out to all of you

Barbara Studley - November 11, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ Veronica Strickland and Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Wayne T. Jeffries.



Veronica Strickland and Family - November 08, 2016 at 02:26 PM

RG

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him at church and occasionally at home when I would see him out. I would always watch for him mowing the yard or pruning his grape vines. He never said much but when he did it was always profound. I will pray for your family during this time of loss. God Bless.

Roy Gilbert

Roy and Janet Gilbert - November 08, 2016 at 08:40 AM

KW

“ *Kim Wrye lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Kim Wrye - November 04, 2016 at 04:58 PM

LK

“ *Linda King sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Linda King - November 04, 2016 at 04:36 PM

LK

*Blenda,
I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing... But what a wonderful and honorable life he lived! I didn't remember that he was a veteran but his service time was so interesting to read about! And it was always clear how much he loved his family! I know he will be greatly missed by all of you. I pray your wonderful memories will sustain you in the days and weeks ahead. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers...God Bless...Linda King*

Linda King - November 04, 2016 at 04:42 PM

MA

To all the Jeffries family, I send my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Your dad was a very special man who loved his family very much. I remember seeing the smile on his face as he talked about his "girls". He almost looked like he would giggle in delight. You were all blessed to have so many years together. I applaud his service to God and his country. May you feel God's comfort in the coming days. Love to all of you. Mary Davis.

Mary - November 05, 2016 at 09:37 PM

SN

“ *Sam Riley And Deb Newton lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Sam Riley and Deb Newton - November 04, 2016 at 10:59 AM

JT

“ *J.C. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



J.C. Thomas - November 04, 2016 at 08:12 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Elizabeth Kerley - November 04, 2016 at 12:08 AM

MS

“ Mike & Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Mike & Nancy Solomon - November 03, 2016 at 08:59 PM

LG

“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Lora Goddard - November 03, 2016 at 08:41 PM



“ Sondra Goins lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Sondra Goins - November 03, 2016 at 06:32 PM

WF

“ *Wanda Florey lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Wanda Florey - November 03, 2016 at 04:49 PM

SH

“ *Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - November 03, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne T. Jeffries.*



November 03, 2016 at 02:56 PM

JS

“ *John & Nadene Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



John & Nadene Slack - November 03, 2016 at 11:49 AM

RR

“ *Peace to his memory. Prayers of comfort for his family.*

Rosemary Rouse - November 03, 2016 at 11:25 AM

AJ

“ *Alice Hodge Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Alice Hodge Jeffords - November 03, 2016 at 10:54 AM

RR

“ *Dear Jeffires Family,*

I have lost the greatest neighbor in the world, but his legacy remains strong in my heart. Much love to all of you.

Russell C. Riepe

Russell C. Riepe - November 03, 2016 at 10:44 AM

LM

Wayne Jeffires touched my life many years ago and my respect for him has grown through the years. We often talked Indian Artifacts, but Wayne always included in conversation the proudness of his family. Wayne never sought fame or glory, he was modest and gracious in his day to day life. The last curve on my way to Vienna along State Route 147 will be a void now, as I look his way in his memory. My condolences to his family.

Larry W. Mizell - November 04, 2016 at 12:06 AM

SD

“ Terry and Suzy Drake

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.



Suzy Drake - November 03, 2016 at 09:59 AM

MR

“ Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Mike and Teresa Richerson - November 03, 2016 at 08:18 AM

JF

“ Thoughts and prayers fro the family at this time. I know he will be missed so much.



Richard and Joan owen

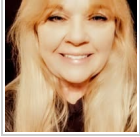
Joan Faulkner-Owen - November 03, 2016 at 08:15 AM



“ Cracra Morris lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Cracra Morris - November 03, 2016 at 06:18 AM



“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Teresa Anderson - November 03, 2016 at 01:24 AM



“ *Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Harold & Georgia Vinson - November 02, 2016 at 11:34 PM



He always had a smile and kind word anytime you saw him. Prayers of comfort and peace for all of you.

Harold - November 02, 2016 at 11:37 PM



“ *May your faith, family and friends help you through the difficult days ahead. Wayne is at peace and rejoicing with the Lord where he suffers no pain. He was a very special Man who was loved and will be missed by many. Steve and Lorna Francis*

Lorna francis - November 02, 2016 at 09:24 PM

TC

“ Teri Sue Coscarelli lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Teri Sue Coscarelli - November 02, 2016 at 07:42 PM

HC

“ So happy to have met you. A very loving family. He was a joy. Hoping the Cubbies win for him tonight. Love and prayers, Helen

Helen Cothran - November 02, 2016 at 06:31 PM

JR

“ James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



James & Diane Rainbolt - November 02, 2016 at 06:20 PM

LM

“ Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Linda and Jeff Mathis - November 02, 2016 at 05:43 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - November 02, 2016 at 05:42 PM

NW

“ *Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



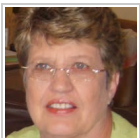
Neal & Carol Watkins - November 02, 2016 at 04:47 PM

JP

“ *Blenda and sisters, may God comfort you and give you peace. Our sympathy and prayers. Jerry and Judy Phelps*



Jerry and Judy Phelps - November 02, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ *Elaine Rotan lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Elaine Rotan - November 02, 2016 at 01:33 PM

BB

“ *Brett, Angela And Alyssa Brumley lit a candle
in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Brett, Angela and Alyssa Brumley - November 02, 2016 at 01:18 PM

JW

“ *Jane Wright lit a candle in memory of Wayne
T. Jeffries*



Jane Wright - November 02, 2016 at 01:16 PM

JW

*To his daughters and their families:
Praying for friends to comfort you,
Faith to hold you up,
And loving memories to help you
Smile again.....
With sincerest Sympathy
And our loving prayers.....*

*Your parents were fine people..I feel privileged to have know them and
you all.*

Clearon & Jane(Ross) Wright

Jane Wright - November 02, 2016 at 01:29 PM

TM

“ Tom And Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Tom and Carmen Murrie - November 02, 2016 at 12:51 PM

PS

“ Anchors Away "Little Wayne"
My sympathy to the five precious daughters.
Peggy Jean Smoot

Peggy Jean Smoot - November 02, 2016 at 10:57 AM

RB

“ Rich And Kate Brumley lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Rich and Kate Brumley - November 02, 2016 at 10:24 AM

RB

Should be Karen Brumley. (Autocorrect)

Rich and Kate Brumley - November 02, 2016 at 01:54 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries



Sheri Robinson - November 02, 2016 at 10:15 AM

FK

“ *Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Wayne T. Jeffries*



Floyd & Linda Koehler - November 02, 2016 at 09:41 AM