



## Wayne O'Neil Morris

October 25, 1941 - November 9, 2025

Wayne O'Neil Morris, of Queenstown, Maryland, died unexpectedly on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at his residence. He was 84 years old.

Wayne was born on October 25, 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of the late Catherine Shiflett Morris and Ralph Morris. He grew up in Sparrows Point and Edgemere and spent some summers in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Wayne graduated from Sparrows Point High School in 1959 and was awarded a scholarship in the American Field Service International Program where he lived in Germany the summer before his senior year. He spoke a lot about his overseas experience and his German family. He was invited many times to share his experiences at Rotary Club meetings. During high school, Wayne was voted "Most Athletic" by his senior class. He absolutely loved any sport but was especially fond of soccer, basketball and baseball since he played all three at the Varsity level. He was granted the opportunity to play baseball in New Jersey as a step toward semi-pro competition. He attended try-outs for the Pittsburgh Pirates but the lack of speed on his infield throws resulted in an unsuccessful attempt. After high school, he attended the University of Maryland on a baseball scholarship. After one year of playing for the Terrapins, he was unsure of which course of study to pursue. So, he decided to postpone another level of higher education until he had decided on a career choice. He joined the United States Air Force (USAF) in 1960 where he was

stationed in Okinawa, Japan as a radio operator. Wayne spoke highly of his military years and respected any active military or veteran for their dedication and service to the United States of America.

After his honorable discharge from the USAF in 1964, Wayne decided to pursue his passion for sports and become a physical education teacher. He graduated from Towson State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education followed by a Master's degree from Morgan State University. He worked as a physical education teacher at Riviera Beach Elementary School in Pasadena, MD and Central Middle School in Edgewater, MD. He retired in 2001 with 36 years of service with the Anne Arundel County Public School System. Wayne also worked for Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation for several years overseeing volleyball and basketball "drop-in" nights.

On October 30, 1964, Wayne met the love of his life, Mary Patricia Dewling and they married in 1967. Wayne and Pat lived in Riviera Beach, Pasadena, MD for 23 years where they raised their two daughters. In 1993, they made the move to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a dream come true for Wayne.

Wayne enjoyed crabbing, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He liked attending crab feasts, bull roasts, festivals, picking strawberries and meeting with friends at the local VFW, American Legion and Moose Lodge. He loved watching his favorite Baltimore sport teams, the Orioles and Ravens. Wayne was a dedicated cashier at the Bennett Point Store for 30 years where he loved interacting with the customers and meeting with the coffee crew.

Wayne will be missed by many. He will be remembered as a wonderful man with an easy-going demeanor and friendly smile. He influenced so many people during his work career and his personal life. Wayne was always willing

to listen and chat with anyone for a few minutes.

Wayne's family will miss him the most. He was a devoted and loving husband to Pat and very gracious to have her navigate life with him. He was a supportive and loving father to both of his daughters. He coached softball teams, attended various school activities and provided encouragement to them throughout his life. Wayne absolutely adored all four of his grandchildren. He supported them in any activity and always attended any sporting event, band recital, award ceremony or graduation. Wayne was so very proud of each one of them and was not shy about telling others about their accomplishments.

Wayne leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Patricia; his daughter Natalie Gunn and her husband, Doug of Queenstown, MD; and his daughter, Cynthia Cunningham of Arnold, MD. He was a grandfather to Stephen Cunningham of Pasadena, MD; Morgan Gunn of Baltimore, MD; Kevin Cunningham of Arnold, MD and Carson Gunn of Queenstown, MD.

Wayne is also survived by his sister, Delores Morris of White Marsh, MD who he loved and respected throughout his entire life.

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 1:00 PM -2:00 PM and a Memorial Celebration at 2:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Chester, MD.

In remembrance of Wayne's life, the family asks that any donations be made to your favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Memorial Celebration

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne O'Neil Morris*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 05, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne O'Neil Morris.*



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December 05, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ *Queenstown Collision-The Collier Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wayne O'Neil Morris.*



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**Queenstown Collision-The Collier Family** - December 04, 2025 at 11:05 PM

RJ

“ Ray and JoAnn purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Wayne O'Neil Morris.



Ray and JoAnn - December 04, 2025 at 01:38 PM

LP

“ Love, Otts and Cathe Pinder purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne O'Neil Morris.



Love, Otts and Cathe Pinder - December 04, 2025 at 10:49 AM

EL

“ Elaine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne O'Neil Morris.

Elaine L. - December 03, 2025 at 05:07 PM

RG

“ Richie Glenn purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wayne O'Neil Morris.



Richie Glenn - December 03, 2025 at 09:41 AM

PA

“ Love Always

Pat - November 30, 2025 at 02:32 PM

DR

“ Dar Rumbley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne O'Neil Morris.

Dar Rumbley - November 29, 2025 at 01:10 PM

TB

“ We are sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Byron had many early morning conversations with him at the Bennett Point store. We both enjoyed seeing him and Pat at events at the American Legion and the VFW. He had such a warm smile and was a good friend. We will truly miss him. Condolences to Pat and his entire famile.  
Byron and Teri Belcher

Teri Belcher - November 24, 2025 at 10:45 AM

TL

“ Teri L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne O'Neil Morris.

Teri L. - November 24, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JL

“ I worked with Wayne at Central Middle School as a P.E. teacher. Wayne was kind and compassionate and loved teaching children. He held them to a higher standard and was stern in his beliefs. I will miss Wayne dearly. RIP my friend love Joanne Lilley

Joanne Lilley - November 22, 2025 at 01:01 PM

JP

“ Our sincere condolences to Pat, Natalie, Cindy, all the grand kids, and the entire family. Our hearts go out to you.  
*Joe and Sue Pollio*

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**Joe Pollio** - November 19, 2025 at 06:33 PM

JD

“ A candle has been burning for our Uncle Wayne. He has joined Mom and Uncle Lew in watching over all of us. Rest in peace



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**Jeannette and Matt Dowling** - November 19, 2025 at 10:01 AM

PF

“ Phyllis, Butch, Shirley & Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Wayne O'Neil Morris.



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**Phyllis, Butch, Shirley & Family** - November 19, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JP

“ To my dearest lifetime friend, Wayne, I could never say in a few words what our life time of friendship ment , or the loss that I feel. We were close friends since first grade. We shared school, the Air Force, worked together, together at our weddings, Crabbing, fishing, Oriole games....and the list goes on and on. The pain, the feeling of loss. Will take the rest of my life to heal. He was an honorable, wonderful person . And I Loved him dearly.  
Sue and  
Joe Pollio

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**Joe Pollio** - November 19, 2025 at 08:56 AM

AH

“ Alex H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne O'Neil Morris.

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**Alex H.** - November 18, 2025 at 06:01 PM

ED

“ I am sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. We used to talk at Bennett Point store about our time in Riviera Beach. If I remember correctly he taught my sisters at Riviera Beach elementary. Our prayers are with his family.

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**Ed Dunn** - November 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM

AN

“ *Such a wonderful person. Wayne will be dearly missed by friends at Grasonville Senior Center. Sending prayers and hugs.*



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**Ann** - November 18, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JR

“ *Joan Redolfi lit a candle in memory of Wayne O'Neil Morris*



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**Joan Redolfi** - November 17, 2025 at 07:12 PM

LP

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Wayne's family.*

*Laird & Pat Adams*



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**Laird & Pat** - November 17, 2025 at 12:47 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Wayne O'Neil Morris*



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**June Clark** - November 14, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JS

“ *Jane Sparks lit a candle in memory of Wayne O'Neil Morris*



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**Jane Sparks** - November 14, 2025 at 11:34 AM

MO

“ *We send our condolences to Pat, Natalie, Doug, Morgan, Carson & the rest of the family. Wayne was a very kind man who was so extremely proud of his grandchildren and was always ready to share their latest accomplishment. I know my daughter always enjoyed being with Morgan when they were around. He will be missed- Michelle, Dan, Delaney & Matt O'Brien*

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**Michelle OBrien** - November 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM