



## Wayne Edward Ritter

May 4, 1951 - June 15, 2024

Wayne Edward Ritter of Centreville MD, beloved husband, father, and friend, departed from this world on June 15th, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and cherished memories. He was 73 years old.

Born on May 4th, 1951, he was the son of the late Grace Radcliff & John Ritter, and step-dad Marvin Davis. Wayne grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where he developed a passion for hunting & fishing, sport clay shooting, playing both football & baseball, and eventually coaching his own softball team "Ritters' Hitters". After graduating from Queen Anne's County High School in 1969, he joined the US Air Force and pursued a career as a professional HVAC facilities engineer, working for Dover Air Force base, Andrews Air Force base and eventually finishing his career at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. Wayne would later retire in 2005, and after obtaining his CDL license he would work the next 18 years as a county bus driver for Queen Annes. Wayne enjoyed this work the most, as he would drive the local high schools sports teams to all of their away games. He became very close with all the coaches and players and would sometimes surprise them with his ability to squeeze such a large bus into a tiny parking spot.

Wayne met the love of his life Rita and her two year old son Brian in 1995. The two would eventually tie the knot on June 6th 1998. Wayne, Rita and

Brian then moved to Centreville MD that same year and have been there ever since. Family was the cornerstone of Wayne's life. Wayne recently celebrated 26 years of marriage with Rita, his devoted wife and partner in all things. Together, they raised their son Brian. He took immense pride in their accomplishments and found joy in their successes.

Those who knew Wayne will remember him for his selflessness towards others, quick witted sense of humor, and always putting his family first. Whether he was spending the morning crabbing, in a goose blind, or volunteering as a grief retreat counselor at Camp New Dawn, he approached everything with enthusiasm and a positive spirit that inspired those around him.

Wayne's passing leaves a void in the lives of his family and friends, but his spirit lives on in the memories he created. He will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered for his impact on our community.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife Rita Ritter, son Brian Mountain, and daughter-in-law Mikalya Mountain, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother Grace Radcliff-Ritter, father John Ritter, step-father Marvin Davis, and sisters Jackie Miles and Estelle Ferguson.

A visitation will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at Fellows Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home 408 South Liberty Street Centerville MD 21617 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm where friends and family are welcome to attend. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 10:00am, at Centreville Methodist Church 608 Church Hill Rd, Centreville, MD 21617 with burial to follow at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society.



# Cemetery Details

## Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

Crownsville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

## Visitation

JUL 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

## Funeral Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church  
608 Church Hill Road  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 18, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter* ”



Centreville Methodist Women - July 02, 2024 at 12:40 PM

LM

“ *Love, Odie, Zara and Matt purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.* ”



Love, Odie, Zara and Matt - June 30, 2024 at 01:35 PM

VD

“ Virginia Lee, Derek, and Dakota purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.



Virginia Lee, Derek, and Dakota - June 29, 2024 at 09:53 AM

JO

“ JoJo lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



JoJo - June 27, 2024 at 10:35 PM

TG

“ The Guldans purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.



The Guldans - June 27, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.



June 26, 2024 at 12:42 PM

DA

“ Deepest sympath, John and Diane Alahouzos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Edward Ritter.

Deepest sympath, John and Diane Alahouzos - June 26, 2024 at 12:42 PM

TB

“ Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



Tim and Esther Blackiston - June 26, 2024 at 11:59 AM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



Frank and Tish Palmatary - June 26, 2024 at 11:57 AM

DW

“ Dwayne Wright lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



Dwayne Wright - June 25, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.*



June 24, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *Gordon &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Edward Ritter.*

**Gordon &.** - June 22, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ *James Moore purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.*



**James Moore** - June 21, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ *Jeannie Nickens lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



**Jeannie Nickens** - June 20, 2024 at 04:37 PM

JF

“ John Johnson & Family purchased the Arrive in S  
tyle for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.



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**John Johnson & Family** - June 20, 2024 at 11:53 AM

IH

“ Thinking of the Ritter family. When I met Mr  
Ritter I could tell he was a kind and loving  
man. He will be missed.



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**India Hurtt** - June 20, 2024 at 08:28 AM

RP

“ Richard Palen lit a candle in memory of  
Wayne Edward Ritter



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**Richard Palen** - June 19, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Wayne  
Edward Ritter



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**June Clark** - June 19, 2024 at 10:21 PM

FW

“ From, Bob, Katie, Suzie and Wendy purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.



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**From, Bob, Katie, Suzie and Wendy** - June 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM

FW

“ From, Bob, Katie, Suzie and Wendy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Edward Ritter.

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**From, Bob, Katie, Suzie and Wendy** - June 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM

PM

“ Patricia A Mayer lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



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**Patricia a Mayer** - June 19, 2024 at 11:21 AM

PM

*RIP my dear friend and one of my favorite high school buddies.*

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**Patricia a Mayer** - June 19, 2024 at 11:24 AM

TC

“ Wayne worked with us in the early 90's as a guide. He was a great guy and one of the most requested guides by our clients. So sorry to hear that he has passed.  
*The Chesapeake Gun Club*

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**The Chesapeake Gun Club** - June 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM

KD

“ *Ken Deming lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Ken Deming** - June 19, 2024 at 10:50 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - June 18, 2024 at 08:31 PM

GP

*Rita and family. What a great man and friend that has left us. Wayne was so good to many and his love for others was awesome. Many great times in high school even though I was a little older. Can still see him sitting by the Juke Box on the stage in Centreville High School. Great memories. He loved you and his family so much. Heaven has surely gained another Angel and he will be with you everyday. Prayers and blessings at this time and we are here if you need us. God bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary.*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - June 18, 2024 at 08:35 PM

KC

“ Dear Rita and family,  
We are so sorry to hear this. What a dear,  
dear man he was. We had many a  
conversation while we both worked at  
QACPS. He kept meticulous records of all his  
bus trips he made. If a trip was missed, he knew it! A real  
gentleman, thru and thru!  
Blessing to you,  
Karen Colley & Erin Murray



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**Karen L Colley** - June 18, 2024 at 06:27 PM

JA

“ My fondest memories: of course, Ritter's Hitter's Ladies Softball  
team. Wayne was the head coach assisted by Steve Higdon,  
Johnnie Coursey, and Craig Spence. Fun, fun times! He called us  
all "stuff"- lol. In the summer of 2012, at Camp New Dawn, Wayne  
was an awesome buddy to a little boy whose father had died. I was  
the buddy to this child's older brother. We spent lots of time  
together. In 2016, Wayne came to my brother's house in  
Queenstown to visit with the Tipton family. They were neighbors  
many years ago. I will never forget you, Wayne!! You surely have  
earned a passage to heaven. Say hi to my Mom and Dad- they  
adored you! Rita- many comforting thoughts to you. I know you will  
deeply miss him. Keep all the good memories tucked tightly in your  
heart.

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**Jane Anthony** - June 18, 2024 at 04:53 PM

GR

“ Rita and Brian, I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. Our sincere condolences.

*Rita, the love you two share is nothing less than remarkable. Wayne will forever be one of my favorite people. - The support he gave me with my brother, I will never forget and will eternally grateful.*

*All my love,  
Gretchen and Family*

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**Gretchen** - June 18, 2024 at 02:05 PM

RV

“ Rest in peace my friend. You were one of the best. My sympathies to Wayne's family.



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**Ruthie Voshell-Russ** - June 18, 2024 at 01:36 PM

WC

“ RIP my dear friend and classmate. Wayne was always kind and could make everyone laugh without even trying. You made this world a better place and will be missed. Your friend always Wanda Collier



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**Wanda L Collier** - June 18, 2024 at 09:27 AM

LC

“ Lynn Crouch lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



Lynn Crouch - June 18, 2024 at 09:23 AM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



Doug Pierson - June 18, 2024 at 09:13 AM

ED

“ Elaine Shorts Dell sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter



Elaine Shorts Dell - June 18, 2024 at 08:35 AM

ED

Ritter's hitters! What an awesome coach. Saddened to see him go. Rest in peace dear friend. My condolences to the family.

Elaine Shorts Dell - June 18, 2024 at 08:38 AM

TB

“ *He was such a wonderful man! Thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Rita and Family*



Tiffany Perry Brown - June 17, 2024 at 10:34 PM

MH

“ *Michele Hampton lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



Michele Hampton - June 17, 2024 at 10:15 PM



“ *Pam Fallon lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



Pam Fallon - June 17, 2024 at 08:32 PM

LS

“ *Laura & Greg Saddler lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



Laura & Greg Saddler - June 17, 2024 at 07:57 PM

DP

“ *Dave And Kathy Poet lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Dave and Kathy Poet** - June 17, 2024 at 07:51 PM

JP

“ *Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Janet Pauls** - June 17, 2024 at 06:45 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell** - June 17, 2024 at 06:30 PM

NK

“ *Nancy and Henry Kilby purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Wayne Edward Ritter.*



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**Nancy and Henry Kilby** - June 17, 2024 at 06:20 PM

LW

“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Larry and Lynne Wilkins** - June 17, 2024 at 05:53 PM

JF

“ *I'm sorry to hear about cousin Wayne....such a kind and gentle soul. He was so happy to tell me that he had met you Rita and your son.....so many years ago. What a great guy....the best...I will always smile when I think of him. Again...so sorry for your loss. Cousin Joy Radcliffe Eckman.*



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**JOY RADCLIFFE ECKMAN. VERO BEACH FLA** - June 17, 2024 at 05:40 PM

WC

“ *He was a lovable guy*

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**Wanda Jones Cole** - June 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM

LP

“ *Sincere condolences to all Wayne's family.*



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**Lisa Plummer** - June 17, 2024 at 03:40 PM

LH

“ *Lyn Higdon sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Lyn Higdon** - June 17, 2024 at 03:25 PM

RP

“ *Rachel Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Rachel Phillips** - June 17, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JM

“ *Jeff, Cindy And Leslie Moore lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



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**Jeff, Cindy and Leslie Moore** - June 17, 2024 at 02:42 PM

JM

*We have shared many laughs with Wayne and Rita. He was such a wonderful guy. Prays to the family. Heaven is full of so many wonderful people - quite a few just added recently.  
Love Cindy, Jeff and Leslie*

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**Jeff, Cindy,Leslie Moore** - June 17, 2024 at 02:45 PM

BP

“ *Bill & Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



Bill & Norma Patton - June 17, 2024 at 02:15 PM

CK

“ *Wayne was one of my best friends. What a great soul he was. Ritters Hitters will live on!! Will miss you terribly my friend* 💙💙

Cathy Kerchner - June 17, 2024 at 01:32 PM

FS

*I remember all the good times we had on the bus..Great guy, one of a kind.. Prayers are with you and Brian{another gooder}. God Bless. Jarrett and Schmitt.*

Frank Smith - June 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - June 17, 2024 at 01:26 PM

CC

“ *Being one of the newest members of the family, Wayne welcomed me with open arms and an open heart. I knew immediately what a kind, gentle man he was. I always enjoyed his laughter and his quick wit. I will miss him dearly*

Cheryl Clark - June 17, 2024 at 12:55 PM

SC

“ *Mr. Wayne will be missed by so many! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.* ”



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**Shana Corder** - June 17, 2024 at 12:51 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Ritter* ”



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**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - June 17, 2024 at 12:36 PM