



Walter "Wayne" Wathen

February 9, 1964 - May 15, 2021

Walter "Wayne" Wathen, age 57 of Faulkner, Maryland, died on May 15, 2021 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland.

Wayne was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, and friend to all. He first joined the Charles County Rescue Squad on February 1, 1982 at the age of 18 and served from 1982 through 1986. Wayne transferred to the Charles County Rescue Squad and returned to Bel Alton VFD on December 1, 1996. He became the department's first EMS Chief, serving in that office 1997 through 1999 and in 2001. He began his career with Maryland Toll Facilities Police in February 1986 and graduated from the police academy in July 1986. In November 1987, he started with the La Plata Police Department and was promoted to Sargent in December 1988. He started the La Plata Crime Watch Program in 1991, established the Crime Watch Council in 1993, and his first participation with National Night Out was in 1994. In January 2005 he was promoted to Lieutenant. In September of 2015 he was promoted to Captain.

Wayne loved his family, Sunday dinner with his wife and kids, crabbing and cooking crabs, hunting, fishing, and teaching the girls to do all these things. He also enjoyed volunteering his time for anyone one that needed it. Family was very important to him and he loved to help others and make sure our

home was always open and welcoming for others.

He was the son of James Monroe Wathen and Delores Ellen Wathen. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Susan "Sue" Campbell-Wathen; his daughter, Meredith Ellen Wathen; his step-daughters, Melinda Sue Blaine (husband, Dwight) and Amanda Campbell; his brother, Allen Wathen (wife, Carol); his sister, Susan Ann Wathen (husband, Thomas Goldsborough, Jr.); and his granddaughter, Alexandra Blaine.

The visitation is on Friday, May 21, 2021 from 1:30PM until time of Funeral Service at 3PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions in memory of Wayne Wathen are requested to be made to Charles Regional Medical Foundation (CRMC Foundation), Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, PO Box 1701, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Service

MAY 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter "Wayne" Wathen*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Walter "Wayne" Wathen*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *We all have fond memories of life in Faulkner with Wayne, Allen & Suzie! Glad you were there when we were. It was a fun time. Sad to know that Wayne has passed away. You are all in our thoughts & prayers. Love, Helene, Katrina, Jim, Jeanine, Kate, & Ellyn Blair (Farrall)*

Helene Farrall - May 21, 2021 at 10:56 AM



Thank you Helene and Family, it was a great place to grow up. With wonderful neighbors and friends.

susan wathen - May 23, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Maria sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter "Wayne" Wathen*



maria - May 21, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 20, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *On May15, 2021 was lost a dear and beloved friend, but we know that God gained an amazing angel. You will forever be missed and we are grateful to have had you in our lives. We will always treasure the times we shared, the dances, the family parties, the birthdays and graduations, all great times because you were part of them all. Rest In Peace until we all meet again, love you beyond words!
Francis, Joanie, Frankie and Paula Radcliff*

Francis and Joanie Radcliff - May 20, 2021 at 09:18 PM



Thank you for loving him, I remember sitting in the waiting room with you guys when Meredith was born, one of the happiest days of his life. So many good memories with you guys.

susan wathen - May 23, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 20, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 19, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *As a former co-worker he always was kind to me....any problem I have he was always ready to see what he could do.....then became a friend to us...I remember at Christmas time the jokes with the Grinch character...I am going to have a Grinch at my tree every Christmas in memory of him and remember those jokes.....we did not get together much but I know he was going to lend a hand if we needed.....you got your wings.....*



Maria Gonzalez - May 19, 2021 at 12:01 PM



Thank you Maria, he enjoyed working with you too. We appreciate your kind words.

susan wathen - May 23, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 19, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ I will never forget when Wayne and Sue came to our house after our accident and provided us with a vehicle to use as long as we needed since our car was totaled. He did not ask if we needed anything nor did we ask him for it, just out of his heart he showed up with it. That is the kind of person he was. I saw many times when he would do things like that. A real community service person. Loving, caring, giving and supportive. He was an angel living with us and now has gone home. We will always miss him.

Jorge Gonzalez - May 19, 2021 at 09:30 AM



Thank you for sharing that memory, We appreciate it.

susan wathen - May 23, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.



May 19, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.



May 19, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 19, 2021 at 04:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 18, 2021 at 11:37 PM



“ *I remember when Wayne first came to work for the LaPlata PD. He fit in with the Sheriff's Office Officers and the State Troopers immediately and earned a reputation as a good street officer. I often worked the same shifts as Wayne and when working LaPlata always met up with him for a chat and catch up. If you needed a back up and it was close to LaPlata you knew Wayne was coming to help you. Later when he became Chief he continued his low key, hey its just me, approach and held the respect of his officers, the town council and the citizens he served so diligently. Wayne was one of the really good guys and officers in Southern Maryland.*

*DB Wright
Lt #86 CCSO Ret.
Las Vegas, NV*

Lt DB Wright #86 Ret CCSO - May 18, 2021 at 11:20 PM

SW

Wayne would be so appreciative of your kind words. Thank you for sharing this.

susan wathen - May 23, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 18, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 18, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



May 18, 2021 at 10:06 PM

BP

“ To the family of Wayne we would like to send our condolences and prayers. I joined the LPPD in 1995 and Wayne welcomed me with open arms. He taught me a lot about small town policing and how not to get in to much trouble. SIR, Please keep the gates of Heaven open for the rest of us, until we meet again....Rest in peace my Brother.



Bobby " 608 " & Maria Padgett

Bobby & Maria Padgett - May 18, 2021 at 08:08 PM

SW

Thank you, he enjoyed working with all of you. I could not ever imagine him working anywhere else other than a small town. We appreciate all the support from the community more than anyone could imagine.

susan wathen - May 23, 2021 at 01:34 PM

PR

“ Wayne left me alot of great memories. Our family gatherings get togethers at the firehouse to fishing over at the pond on the farm. There is one I will NEVER forget that was when he hooked my belt loop to a nail in the barn whew he didn't keep me there for long. We had fun times together and I am so greartfull for that. My thoughts and prayers to his family and friends with hugs and kisses. Love
Patty Rice

Patty Rice - May 18, 2021 at 06:12 PM

SW

Love you too Patty and all the Rice family! His love of fishing began on the pond there, probably with one of the old bamboo poles. Great memories.

susan wathen - May 23, 2021 at 01:35 PM

LF

“ *Love, Micaela and your eGenesis family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Walter "Wayne" Wathen.*



Love, Micaela and your eGenesis family - May 18, 2021 at
05:29 PM