



## Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr

January 25, 1944 - October 19, 2023

Wesley E. Hughes, Jr., a cherished father, grandfather, and fiancé, passed away at home in La Plata, MD on October 19, 2023. Born in Norfolk, VA on January 25, 1944, Wes was a devoted Hokie, career banker, pilot, golfer, and dedicated community volunteer. He is survived by his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, Lisa, Justin, and Daphne Wilde of Towson, MD; and long-term beloved fiancée, Esther Corpus, her daughters, Maricris and Michelle, and granddaughter, Madison. Wes was preceded in death by his wife of 26 years, Eileen P. Hughes, son, Steven J. Hughes, and his parents, Wesley E. Hughes Sr. and Virginia Smith Hughes. His life was marked by compassion and service.

Raised in Virginia Beach, Wes was an alumnus of Princess Anne High School, where he had many friends and honed his intellect and character. His journey continued at Virginia Tech, where he not only pursued academic excellence but also found a home in the TEK fraternity. The bonds forged during both his high school and college years remained steadfast throughout his life through football games and formal and informal reunions. Wes's business degree started the professional path which led him to the world of banking. He served as the president of the Bank of Southern Maryland in La Plata for many years where his commitment to financial stewardship touched countless lives. He believed that prosperity should be shared, and he worked tirelessly to uplift others. No where was this more apparent than during his years serving as president of the Charles County Chamber of Commerce, his

term as president of Blue Knights Football league and president of the La Plata Lions club.

Beyond the walls of the bank, Wes soared—quite literally as a private pilot. His love for flying knew no bounds and he especially enjoyed flights with his daughter, Lisa, during her teenage years. Wes also used his plane and piloting skills to serve those in need. Ailing patients and rescued animals were common companions in his plane as he volunteered with Pilots and Paws and Patients Airlift Services to transport passengers to places where help awaited them.

Wes was a member and treasurer of the Patuxent QBs (Quiet Birdmen), an honorary aviation fraternity made up of mostly professional and military pilots worldwide. The most important requirement is “you must be a good guy” and Wes had no problem meeting that requirement. QBs toast their departed with a silent toast to the west and Wes will be among those.

In recent years, Wes regularly soared across the Chesapeake Bay to Melfa, Virginia, where he enjoyed golfing and attending events with Esther and fellow members of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. Other times, Wes loved to head to Towson, MD to spend time with his beloved granddaughter, Daphne. Her drawings covered his kitchen and photos of her filled his mantel. Wes’s life was a tapestry woven with passion, adventure, fun, and unwavering commitment. Wesley Hughes touched countless hearts and his absence will be deeply felt by those who shared laughter, stories, and cherished moments with him.

May Wes’s final flight be one of peace and eternal life.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

OCT 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

OCT 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Brooke, Bitsie, Doug & Alana purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.*



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**Brooke, Bitsie, Doug & Alana** - October 26, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.*



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October 25, 2023 at 07:21 PM

GG

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I knew Wesley as a loyal member of Christ Episcopal Church in La Plata and what a great person he was. I also worked with Eileen in the women' group and remember her fondly. Wesley lived a full productive life and will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.*

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**Gloria Groeger** - October 25, 2023 at 12:58 PM

MB

“ Wes will forever hold a special place in my heart. I have nothing but fond memories of him. He was always on hand to celebrate special events with my family in addition to being a strong presence when we encountered obstacles. I will never forget how he loved my Mom and took very good care for when she was ill. Wes is missed and will always be loved. I am privileged to have him as a part of my family.

*Maricris Corpus Burk*

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**Maricris Burk** - October 24, 2023 at 08:34 PM

MB

Words can't express the sadness we feel and sympathy for everyone who knew Wes. He was such a big part of LaPlata as it grew from a small town to today. He helped so many. Our small enclave on CRR will miss seeing him on his daily walks and love to strike up a conversation-especially about his beloved Hokies. Will miss you during March Madness this year. Soar high Wes.

*Jim and Margaret*

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**Margaret and Jim Bennett** - October 26, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.

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October 24, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.



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October 24, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.



October 24, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ James R. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.



James R. - October 24, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ Lion Frank M Culhane lit a candle in memory of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr



Lion Frank M Culhane - October 24, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.



October 23, 2023 at 09:49 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Wes. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He was always respectful , courteous and had an interesting story to tell. He will be missed.  
*Raymond Burk*

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**Raymond Burk** - October 23, 2023 at 09:19 PM

TD

“ Jane and I are so sorry to hear about the passing of Wes. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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**Ted and Jane Duer** - October 23, 2023 at 07:06 PM

KW

“ Ken & Donna Wilde purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wesley Eugene Hughes Jr.



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**Ken & Donna Wilde** - October 23, 2023 at 04:25 PM