



Wayne Proffitt

June 16, 2020

Donald Wayne Proffitt, 74, went to be with the Lord June 16, 2020.

A native of Portsmouth he is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Theresa K. Proffitt; sons Donald Wayne Proffitt Jr and his wife Laurie, James E. Proffitt and his wife Kellie; daughter Amy Proffitt Crowder; his beloved grandchildren Brennan, Kaitlyn, Hailey, Ayden, James, Julie, Johnathan and Bryana, many nieces and nephews dear to his heart, extended family and cherished friends.

Wayne was a Vietnam Veteran and served his country proudly, first in the United States Army for four years and then in the United States Air Force from which he retired after 19 years. He was a longtime member of Sweethaven Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for several years.

A self-taught “guitar picker”, he found great joy in singing and playing for fun and for others.

He had a vast heart, a deep faith and such a generosity of spirit. He touched many lives and leaves behind not only an example by which to live, but a void that will be hard to fill.

The family will receive friends in Sweethaven Baptist Church, 5000 West Norfolk Road Portsmouth, VA 23703 on Tuesday from 6-7pm with a funeral service starting there at 7pm. Burial will be private at the Albert G. Horton

Veteran Cemetery in Suffolk.

The family suggest memorial contribution in his memory to the Mea'Alofa Autism Support Center 4016 Raintree Road Suite 200 A Chesapeake, VA 23322.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sweethaven Baptist Church
5000 West Norfolk Road
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Celebration of Life

JUN **23**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *D.W. Proffitt Tribute*



Clyde Nordan - October 05, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Fondest memories of Wayne, from our breakfast get togethers at NIX and of his playing guitar and singing in Drivers. I will remember him as a loyal patriot who served his country well. You've paid your price to be accepted at the gates of Heaven. Rest in Peace, until we meet again.*



Steve Whitehead - June 23, 2020 at 05:33 PM

RS

“ *Theresa & Family, Remembering Wayne with you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. We always enjoyed hearing him play and sing with other family members at the Annual Proffitt Family reunion. Wayne is rejoicing in Heaven and now singing with the Angels. Love and Sympathy, Robin (Proffitt) & Dean Sadak*



Robin Sadak - June 22, 2020 at 09:08 PM

GN

“ I met Don and his wife over 15 years ago. I never met a man any more devoted to his wife and family than Don. He spoke of you often. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good hearted man and a dear friend.

We enjoyed playing music together and played anywhere and anytime we could. We had many fun times together and I will dearly miss him. Giles Newsome

Giles Newsome - June 22, 2020 at 08:50 PM

WF

“ With Love, Ryan Andrews and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Wayne Proffitt.



With Love, Ryan Andrews and family - June 22, 2020 at 03:51 PM

WP

“ I have nothing but fond memories of Uncle Wayne. From the earliest Army uniform that he gave me as a child, to learning guitar chords from him. And the many jokes that he could crack you up with. Our love goes out to all of you. Wish we could be there.

Wayne Parker - June 22, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Wayne Proffitt.



June 22, 2020 at 10:19 AM

GD

“ George and Danielle purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Wayne Proffitt.



George and Danielle - June 22, 2020 at 09:55 AM

RR

“ I met Don about 6 years ago at a bluegrass jam. I was fortunate to continue to play music with him from that day until the COVID 19 shut us down. He always had a smile and a good word whenever we would get together. It didn't matter if we were jamming at my house or playing at Driver on Friday night, or at Joes Studio he put the same effort into his music and always had a good time, and everyone benefitted from his presence. He enjoyed telling stories about his family, and it was obvious how much he loved all of you. Heaven got a good one, and I know he's picking and singing with the angels. RIP Don. God bless each family member and may your grief be replaced with fond memories until you see him again. Ric Rountree

Ric Rountree - June 21, 2020 at 03:13 PM

RF

“ Rosalind & Delbert Foxx purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wayne Proffitt.



Rosalind & Delbert Foxx - June 20, 2020 at 01:11 PM

BC

“ I will always remember your shy and happy spirit from high school days, though the times I would run into you and Teresa at Maryview or Jones”. As our lives progressed forward, Facebook reconnected our friendship and we picked up right where we left off! Our last conversation on Messenger was about our old and very special friendship throughout the years.

*My sincerest sympathy to Teresa and family. Your dad spoke of you often and delighted in sharing heartwarming stories about his family & how each of you made his life complete. He adored each of you! I can picture Wayne now, singing his tunes and strumming his guitar for God's Chorus. That smile, eternal!
Rest in peace with your Savior, faithful soul.*

Barbara I Carson - June 19, 2020 at 04:19 PM

CF

“ Charles Elton Parker (Bookie) and family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Wayne Proffitt.



Charles Elton Parker (Bookie) and family - June 18, 2020 at 05:45 PM