



Rodney Alan Wayt

December 23, 1954 - December 4, 2021

Wayt, Rodney Alan, (Rod) 66, of Galloway Township, New Jersey died unexpectedly, at home, on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

He was born December 23, 1954 in Glen Dale, WV, son of the late Paul Blaine and Norma LaVerne Wayt.

Rod was a graduate of John Marshall High School in 1973 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from West Liberty State College in 1977. He also obtained his MBA from Rowan University. He was employed in the health field his entire career, working at the American Red Cross Blood Bank, Shore Memorial Hospital, and retiring in 2019 from Cape Regional Medical Center. Although he spent most of his working life in New Jersey, he loved Moundville, and especially the East End area, where he grew up. His days were spent playing baseball and football, and having fun at the “Cow Pasture”, at the sight of the current East End Park. He was a true EEDA, even before it was “cool” to have that moniker. His first job was cutting grass at East End for then Parks & Recreation Director Bob Montgomery. He developed friendships that lasted his entire life during those years.

He was known to all the nieces and nephews as the funny uncle - never without a joke and known for his own satirical song lyrics. He truly enjoyed his visits back to Moundville, and the entire family would fill his mom and dad’s house, with each visit requiring DiCarlo’s Pizza and Coleman’s Fish sandwiches.

He was raised a member of the First Christian Church in Moundville and was

involved in many sporting activities throughout school. True to form, he loved sports, and watching sports continued his whole life. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Pirate fan and loved West Virginia University sports.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joni in 2012, nephew Tim Paul in 2014, his mother Laverne in 2016, and father Blaine in 2019.

Surviving are his daughter Jessica (Colin) Heikes, and son Cody Wayt; sisters Vicki (Victor) Paul of Mount Olivet, Amy (Greg) Jewell of St. Clairsville, and Beth (Rick) Healy of Moundsville; and nieces and nephews Matt (Jill) Paul, Mike (Jen) Paul, Jessica Paul, Katie (Jason) Lightner, Megan Jewell, Stephen (Tamera) Jewell, Nick (Whitney) Healy, and Shane (Lori) Healy, Also, surviving are numerous great nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID concerns, a private viewing will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Grisell Funeral Home, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, WV.

Pastor Wesley Howsare will preside.

Interment in Limestone Cemetery. A memorial celebration will be held next summer in Moundsville.

In lieu of flowers the family would ask for donations to the Humane Society of Atlantic County in Atlantic City, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Limestone Cemetery

Moundsville, WV

Tribute Wall

PO

“ Both Patty & I send out our thoughts & prayers to Rod’s family. We both have fond memories of this friend gone too soon! 🙏🙏

patty owens - December 21, 2021 at 08:55 AM

CM

“ Amy, Vickie, and Beth, I’m so sorry for your sudden loss of Rod. I didn’t know him well but my in-laws. Lloyd and Joann Meeker always spoke highly of your family. May you find comfort in the Lord’s loving arms till you meet again.

cindy Meeker - December 10, 2021 at 08:33 PM

RB

“ Sorry to learn of Rod’s passing: our days as Cub Scouts are now so long ago. Another EEDA with many fond memories of days gone by. Maybe Rod rest In Peace . Mike Baker

R Michael Baker - December 10, 2021 at 04:04 PM

BD

“ Beth & Family ... so sorry to hear of Rod's passing. He still had the ornery smile I remember so fondly. Know he left a big imprint on many ... and will be missed by many. God gained another special angel!



Betty Duffy - December 09, 2021 at 07:35 PM

BM

“ Rod was a great teammate, childhood friend, fine person. Always a friendly smile. Rest in peace my friend. Our condolences go out to the entire family.

Bob Meade - December 08, 2021 at 07:53 PM

PE

“ So sad of hearing of Rod's passing. We dated through high school and was such a Wonderful Guy. Rest In Peace Yendor ❤️

Penne - December 08, 2021 at 07:20 PM

VC

“ Jay Knapp. Well spoken. I remember in pony ball I was in center field Rod was in right field we collided on a fly ball and knocked each other out. Many memories of Rod from east end (our home away from home). So sorry to hear of passing---you left us too soon. Rest in peace.

Vince crow - December 08, 2021 at 06:49 PM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of Rod's passing. He & my brother Steve Mills were good friends thru school. We also lost my bother unexpectedly 7 years ago. Maybe they'll reconnect in heaven. Prayers for the family.

Marilyn Peles - December 08, 2021 at 05:29 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of Rods passing. I grew up in east end & my grandparents were neighbors on Olive Ave. Prayers & love to all of Rods friends & family. So sorry for your loss. ❤️🙏

jodi kestner littleton - December 08, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Alan Wayt.*



December 08, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Legion baseball, basketball and touch football at East End, sleeping out (do kids even do that anymore?) in Kysor's backyard, hanging out at Reilly's, playing wiffle ball in Hank's yard, trips to Katie's Corner Carry Out , listening to Norman Greenbaum, going to WLSC, Spring Break trip in 1974, bartending with Roso at his wedding reception to finally reliving all of these memories and more when I'd stop to see Rod on my annual visits to the Jersey Shore over the past decade. One thing was for sure, Rod Wayt was always the same guy who grew up on Olive Avenue and played for the East End Pirates. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family and his many friends. I can attest to the fact he never forgot any of those he shared the 60's and 70's with or the good times. The world needs more Rod Wayts, and we needed him to stay longer*

Jay Knapp - December 08, 2021 at 09:41 AM



Jay well spoken. I will always remember Rod associated with East End and baseball. What a down to earth guy who was always a friend

David McDowell - December 08, 2021 at 11:48 AM



Commuting to classes in his VW bug was always an experience and worth thousands of laughs. You were a good guy, Rod.

Cindy Winters - December 08, 2021 at 05:13 PM

GC

I can't say it any better than Jay K. said it. So very very sad to learn of Rod's passing. So many of us gone far far too soon, and I just don't quite understand it and am having a bit of a tough time framing it all. My thoughts and prayers to the family. Rest in peace fellow EEDA.

Gregg Crow - December 08, 2021 at 06:38 PM

TB

So sad to hear about Rod's sudden passing. My condolences to his family & close friends. Rod will always be a EEDA. RIP

Ted Beecher - December 09, 2021 at 02:39 PM