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William Donald Wayt, Jr., known affectionately as Bill or Billy to those closest to him, passed away peacefully at home on July 28, 2025, surrounded by love after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He fought with stubborn optimism, believing always that even hardships leave room for hope.

Born in 1960, Bill lived life on his own terms, full throttle and without apology. From serving in the United States Navy to working on a stock car pit crew, his adventures were as varied as they were unforgettable.

In his professional life, Bill was a skilled contractor specializing in general construction and historical restorations. His work stood not only as a testament to his craftsmanship but also to his pride in doing things the right way; sometimes slowly, sometimes after a detour, but always with care.

Bill didn't measure life in money or possession, but in people and memories. He could walk away from material things with ease, but never from a friend or family member in need. Scheduling time with him could be an adventure; he might forget the date, he might forget the time, but he never forgot those who mattered. And when it truly counted, you could count on him.

Of all the roles Bill played in life, his favorite was “Pap”. At the center of his universe were his six grandchildren: Michael Gray, Emely Blake, Erik Blake, Siriniti Wayt, Aurora Hartley, and Landon Scott. Whether he was sneaking them treats or passing along “Pap wisdom” on finding joy, bending the rules,

and stirring up mischief; he loved to soak up their joy and laughter. Bending rules was acceptable when making memories. With Pap, life was always a little more exciting, a little more daring, and a lot more filled with love.

He is survived by his parents, William and Mary Wayt; daughters Dr. Jessica Blake (J.D.), April Wayt, and Melynda Wayt; brothers Scott Wayt, Dr. Michael Wayt, and Eric Wayt; sisters Sandra Talkington and Sharon Schmitt; special son-in-law Jeffrey "Allen" Blake, Jr.; mother of his children Debra Pinkerton; and lifelong friends, Timmy Kercher and Bob Johnson.

Per his wishes, Bill will be cremated. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, August 3rd, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Moundsville American Legion. Friends and family who shared a laugh or a story with Bill are welcome to come and raise a glass in his honor.

Bill's legacy isn't found in possessions or accolades—it's in every good laugh, hard-earned lesson, and moment of showing up. As he always said with a grin, "I've had a hell of a ride.". We'll miss his fierce independence, his ornery grin, and the way he made us feel—like we were the most important people in the world.

Here's to Bill: the man who drove fast, loved deeply, and occasionally showed up on time.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Moundsville American Legion
800 First Street
Moundsville, WV 26041

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Bill could always bring a smile to my face. He was a customer who became a friend. I feel he just had a way of doing that - he told so many funny stories of his adventures & you always knew when he was arriving or leaving in his white corvette. Whoever wrote his obit did a wonderful job & touched on lots of things that brought memories to mind. He loved his family and was loyal to his friends. Lost a good one. He's somewhere making them laugh & driving fast.
Rip Bill
Jenny

Jenny - August 11, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William D. Wayt Jr.

August 02, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JS

“ Our sincere condolences to the Wayt Family!!

John and Betsy Sicurella - August 02, 2025 at 06:06 PM

BB

“ Mike Heather Girls and Bill & Mary 💔💔 Hugs and Prayers. Im pretty sure he worked for the water dept yrs ago on Ridgeview Lane. Handsome man with a big smile. Thoughts and Prayers

Beth Baker - August 02, 2025 at 02:01 PM

LR

“ *May perpetual light shine upon him. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Lois Rutter - August 02, 2025 at 11:53 AM

RR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Wayt family.*

Richard Raley - August 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of William Donald Wayt Jr., give you peace,
comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You
will not be forgotten...*

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Navy Veteran, William Donald Wayt Jr., is “A True American
Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 02, 2025 at 08:21 AM

ER

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eric - August 02, 2025 at 07:42 AM

NR

*This is a perfect picture of Bill! The way I remember him! Always SMILING!
God Rest Your Soul Dear Friend!
Freda (Wood's) Rine*

N Freda Rine - August 15, 2025 at 04:05 PM

VH

“ Vince & Brenda Hanning purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William D. Wayt Jr.



Vince & Brenda Hanning - August 01, 2025 at 09:23 PM

BL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Ways brother. May he rest in peace. Bruce Littleton

Bruce Littleton - August 01, 2025 at 06:59 PM

AM

“ Aunt Andrea Mccrea purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William D. Wayt Jr.



Aunt Andrea Mccrea - August 01, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William D. Wayt Jr.

August 01, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William D. Wayt Jr.



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