



Wayne Allen Sheffey

November 17, 1933 - December 17, 2018

Wayne Allen Sheffey, 85, of Bristol, Virginia, passed away on December 17, 2018, at the Bristol Regional Medical Center, after a very brief illness.

A lifelong resident of Bristol, Virginia, Wayne was born in the Robert Preston House on Lee Highway, recently listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register of Historic Places. Wayne graduated from Wallace High School and after working for several years, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, from which he was honorably discharged after serving as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean Conflict. Wayne was a loyal patriot who loved his country and proudly displayed the American flag. He worked for nearly four decades for Sperry Univac and Raytheon Bristol in production manufacturing, before retiring. Wayne had special respect for his many Sperry and Raytheon co-workers, considering them beloved brothers and sisters.

Wayne has always been interested and active in a variety of sports. He helped start up the Bristol Little League and was the first manager of the United Commercial Travelers (UCT). After returning to Bristol from military service, he served as league umpire with the Little League, Pony League, and Colt League for several years. At Sperry Univac, he organized intraplant softball and basketball leagues. The Sperry Company softball team won two Virginia State championships. Except during his military service, he was an active member of the Bristol YMCA from the age of 12 until his death. There, he made friends of all ages and especially thanks the many friends he made since his retirement.

Wayne was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tennessee. In the early years, he was proud to serve as Sunday School Class President, Men of the Church President and on the Elder and Deacon Boards.

Wayne is survived by his only daughter, Dr. Rita Arlene Sheffey of Sandy Springs, Georgia; Rita's partner Dr. Thomas C. Rounds; Rita's mother Jane Latture Sheffey of Bristol, Virginia; special friends Norma and Melissa Garrett of Piney Flats, Tennessee; a

special aunt Elizabeth "Lib" Carty of Hampton, Virginia; and a niece, Sarah P. Van Steenis of Arden, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charma Stewart Sheffey and Albert Fairman Sheffey, and a brother Darrell Gene Sheffey.

The family will receive friends from 12 Noon to 1:00 PM Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Blevins Funeral and Cremation Services, Bristol, VA. A graveside service will follow at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Cemetery, 1019 E. Valley Drive, Bristol, Virginia 24201 with the Rev. Sam Weddington, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, presiding.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research, at www.jimmyv.org <<http://www.jimmyv.org>> or by mail to The V Foundation for Cancer Research, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513; the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, www.billygraham.org <<http://www.billygraham.org>>, or by mail to 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201; or to a charity of your choice.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services
417 Lee Street, Bristol, VA, US, 24201

DEC **Graveside Service and Interment** 02:00PM

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Mountain View Cemetery
1019 East Valley Drive, Bristol, VA, US, 24201

Comments



“ Condolences to the family of Mr. Sheffey, he was indeed a friendly co-worker at Sperry for the short time I was here from military moves. He is resting now in the presence of the Lord. My prayers are with you.

Dr. Jacqueline L. Nophlin
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Dr. Jacqueline L. Nophlin - January 02 at 04:34 PM



“ Mrs. Sheffey and Rita,
I just heard of Mr. Sheffey's passing. I am so sorry that I did not get to attend the funeral. I just want you to know what a wonderful man Mr. Sheffey was. I can never express to you how much he and your family meant to my mother, Anne. God bless you both.

Love,
Bill Campbell

William Campbell - December 22, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ To the family of Wayne Sheffey:
We have so many fond memories of Wayne and all he did for our softball team. A fine gentleman who cared about his fellow man. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

Best regards, Larry and Lois Wilson, Glade Spring, Virginia.

Larry and Lois Wilson - December 21, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Wayne was one of the finest persons I have ever met. I was one of his basketball and softball players for several years. I grew to love and respect him for the fine man that he was. He might get frustrated with some of us, but he never lost his temper and was always the first to say hello, how have you been if we hadn't seen each other for some time. He was a great friend and will be sorely missed. God bless Wayne and the entire family.

Dee Baines

Dee Baines - December 20, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ Rita and Family,

I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad! I was so very saddened to hear of Mr. Sheffey's passing.

I have only been the CEO of the YMCA of Bristol for 2 months and your father was so well thought of and deeply loved by everyone. He has been an inspiration for so many of his YMCA Family. We are all praying for you and your family at this time and may God continue to keep you all strong during this time.

Rick Matthews
CEO YMCA of Bristol



Rick Matthews - December 20, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Allen Sheffey.



December 19, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ I never knew a finer man than Wayne. He was one of the first people to greet me and welcome me to the YMCA almost 15 years ago. At that time, he was the glue for a 50 and older basketball league. He is already missed.

May God give you peace in your time of loss.

Doug Ogan

Doug Ogan - December 19, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ Steve and Leslie LaBriola purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne Allen Sheffey.



Stephen T LaBriola - December 19, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ Rita and family, I was so very saddened to hear of Mr. Sheffey's passing. He was a kind man, and a good friend to my Mother in their many years of being neighbors. I will miss seeing him working in his yard and tending his flowers.

Pat Breedlove Shaffer - December 19, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ Wayne was a very special man and become a friend of mine at the YMCA. His passing brings great sadness to me. He was and will remain an inspiration to me and many others. May God be with you during this time of loss.

Larry Bailey

Larry Bailey - December 19, 2018 at 08:36 AM



“ Rita, I'm so sorry about your Dad! He was a very sweet man when we were friends in the 1st grade!! My thoughts & Prayers are with you & your Mom!! Love always, Jenny Moore

Jenny Moore - December 19, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ I've had the pleasure of knowing Wayne for 52 years, working closely with him at Sperry and Raytheon, beach visits from he & Norma. He was a wonderful, humble, kind man, who will be missed by all who knew him. His memory will be forever lasting and cherished by Bill & I.

Judy Chapman & Bill

Judy m chapman - December 19, 2018 at 06:38 AM



“ So sorry to hear this about Wayne he was a very special person. I had the privilege of working at Sperry and Raytheon with him being over my department for many years at Sperry. Also running into him over the years and talking about the good times at Sperry. My thoughts and prayers are with all. Jane Sproles

Jane Sproles - December 18, 2018 at 03:28 PM