



Loyd "Wayne" Hemphill

April 11, 1939 - June 19, 2016

Loyd "Wayne" Hemphill, 77, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, June 19, 2016, at his residence in Starkville, Mississippi, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016, in the Welch Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Grant Arinder and Rev. Terrell Jackson officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 12 p.m. until service time. Interment will follow in Craig Springs Cemetery with full military honors.

Wayne was born in Aliceville, Alabama, on April 11, 1939, to Samuel Nathan Hemphill and Florence Stafford Hemphill. He has been a resident of Starkville for 74 years, moving here with his family when he was three years old. Wayne is a lifetime member of Calvary Baptist Church for it was there, at age 9, that he gave his heart to Jesus. As an adult, he answered the call of his country by serving for 42 years in the United States Army retiring at the rank of Sergeant Major. During his career, Wayne was awarded numerous service awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He was an active Army National Guard recruiter for 21 years for which he earned the Master Recruiter Badge. For another 10 years, he worked with the Family Assistance Center in Starkville to help care for the families of soldiers while they were deployed. He served his community for numerous years in countless ways. One example is that he served as an advisory member of the Greater Starkville Developmental Partnership Military Affairs Committee for the city of Starkville for many years.

providing valuable knowledge and experience. He served as Commander of American Legion Post #13 for eight years. Wayne was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, and garden and he loved sharing those activities with others; especially his family. He lived his life following the motto of “God, Family, and Country” all of which he loved dearly.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elaine; and his son, Mike Hemphill and wife, Katie, all of Starkville. One of his greatest joys was being “Pop” to his two grandsons, Jacob and Nate Hemphill. Additionally, he is survived by his sister-in-law, Virginia Massey of Louisville; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, David Hemphill; his parents; a brother, Robert Hemphill; and by three sisters Jewel Johnson, Leola Coleman, and Bobbie Simpson.

Serving as pallbearers are Justin Lovern, Robert Lovern, Drew Massey, Josh Massey, Cody Prewitt, and Seth Prewitt. Honorary pallbearers are members of the American Legion Post #13. Memorials may be given to the Calvary Baptist Church Food Closet, 405 N. Jackson Street, Starkville, MS 39759 or to the charity of your choice.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS, with local facilities being provided by Welch Funeral Home, 201 W. Lampkin Street, Starkville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Craig Springs Cemetery

Craig Springs Road
Sturgis, MS 39769

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Welch Funeral Home
201 W. Lampkin Street
Starkville, MS 39759
(662) 323-5905

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loyd "Wayne" Hemphill*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Wayne was a great man, and great recruiter. I know many veterans whom I served with that were introduced to Army service by Wayne.*

RIP Sergeant Major

John Helms - June 23, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ *Elaine, so sorry to learn of the passing of Wayne. I am sure this is so hard because you have been sweethearts since you were a teenager. You had a great marriage and remember all the wonderful memories you shared. Byron will always remember Wayne as the "panty hose" man and the story you told about that. We love you and are praying for you during this difficult time.*

Nell Crowe Dean - June 23, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ *Glenda Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Loyd "Wayne" Hemphill*



Glenda Armstrong - June 23, 2016 at 01:09 AM

GA

My deepest sympathies to the family during this time. Praying for comfort and peace.

Glenda Armstrong - June 23, 2016 at 01:12 AM

PH

Thinking of you Elaine during this time!so sorry to hear! Pattie Hartness

Pattie Hartness - June 23, 2016 at 02:08 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Loyd "Wayne" Hemphill.*



June 22, 2016 at 07:21 PM

AS

“ *Elaine - Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time. Wayne leaves a legacy of service to his community and to his country, and he will be missed. He and I were classmates at SHS, so I have many good memories of him. With love and sympathy - Audrey Scales*

Audrey Scales - June 22, 2016 at 06:05 PM

DK

“ *DORIS KEITH lit a candle in memory of Loyd "Wayne" Hemphill*



DORIS KEITH - June 22, 2016 at 05:41 PM

KC

“ Elaine and family, I worked with Wayne for many years as he was serving in the capacity of Recruiter for the Mississippi Army National Guard. He was a loyal and dedicated man to the Guard and it was a pleasure to have worked with and know him. Please know that my sympathy goes out to you and your family as this is never an easy thing to endure. May you RIP, Wayne.

Kay "Guthrie" Cavalier - June 22, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Loyd "Wayne" Hemphill.



June 22, 2016 at 12:38 PM

CC

“ Elaine - my deepest sympathies go out to you at this time. I have the fondest memories of Wayne having served with him in Starkville for many years as a member of the 2-114th Field Artillery, including several as the Commander. Wayne and I for many years had our offices right next to each other and visited quite regularly when he wasn't out recruiting. He was an outstanding soldier, a super recruiter, a great man, but most of all he was a wonderful representative of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I never saw him mistreat another human being and always admired him for his ability to be a leader in God's army. May he Rest in Peace and may God's protective graces be with you and your family during this stressful period.

Chuck Carter - June 22, 2016 at 11:17 AM

KS

“ *I know of your love and service to your country and your love for family. Prayers from Ken and Donnele Smith, Tallahassee Fl*

ken Smith - June 22, 2016 at 10:37 AM

SL

“ *Elaine, I am very sorry to hear about Wayne passing. Will be praying for all of the family. He was a good man. Sue and Bob Long.*

Sue Vaughan Long - June 22, 2016 at 10:15 AM

PG

“ *My prayers are with you and your family.*

Pat Bane Griffin - June 22, 2016 at 07:28 AM