



Elwood Wade Harrell

August 30, 1942 - July 13, 2020

Elwood Wade Harrell of Providence Forge, Va. passed away after a long illness on July 13, 2020.

Wade was born to Phyllis K. and Orrville W. Harrell on August 30, 1942 in Richmond, Va. He enlisted into the Air Force in 1959 and served under the 509th Strategic Air Command at Pease Air Force Base in Newington, NH. Wade was assigned as crew chief on KC97 Tanker. During this particular time period the military was on high alert due to the Cuban Crisis, which required vital refueling missions. After discharge from the service he was employed as a pressman apprentice at William Byrd Press in Richmond, and worked there for several years.

Wade, his wife Margaret, and their daughter Leigh Ann moved to New Hampshire where he was employed by the Exeter Newsletter in Exeter, NH as a Pressroom Foreman. After retiring from newspaper printing for over 25 years, Wade and his wife moved back to Virginia. He loved old trucks and cars, and the music that went along with them.

Wade was preceded in death by his parents, Orrville W. and Phyllis K. Harrell.

Wade is survived by his wife; Margaret, his daughter; Leigh Ann Burley (Scott), two grandsons; Steven and Lucas Burley, two brothers; Douglas Harrell (Betsy), Ronald Harrell (Cathy); and his longtime friend, Woody.

Memorial contributions can be made to Cornerstone Support Services of Providence Forge: 8921 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140, or to volunteer.va.gov.

Comments



“ Wade

I find myself struggling to put my thoughts into words. Since we first met 14 years ago you have been more than a neighbor to us. You and Maggie have been a part of our family. You have watched our family grow and been a big part of our lives. We all miss you very much. There isnt much around the H and H ranch that doesnt remind me of you. Rest easy my fellow Airman.... We are here for Maggie and will help and support her in any way we can. Until we meet again in Heaven... your memory will forever live in my heart.

Phillip Hunt

Phillip R. Hunt - August 10 at 04:33 PM



“ May you rest in peace Wade...I miss you more than you know, my husband and friend.



Margaret Harrell - July 20 at 05:59 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Maggie, and her family in the loss of their Loved one. As I fight back the tears from the loss of my friend, I hear a voice in my head saying don't be upset, I had a really good run. "Wadebo" as I called him was a good friend, whose outlook on life was both respected, and admired. He never had a bad thing to say about anybody or anything in all the years I knew him. His years in the Air Force took a toll on him but he was always proud to have served and told me he had no regrets, and would do it all over again. Short, frequent visits were always filled with stories, laughter, and helping each other out. And that to me is the true definition of a great friend. You will surely be missed and Maggie, Please let me know if you need a hand with ANYTHING. Not just during these hard times, but forever. Rodney Guerin or as Wadebo called me, "Rodbo"



rodney guerin - July 16 at 11:34 AM



“ Thank you Rodney..Wade always depended on youand not only for just taking care of his truck. Love you and Amanda

Maggie Harrell - July 17 at 10:02 PM