



## R. Leland Wyatt

October 10, 1936 - January 9, 2014

R. Leland “Coach” Wyatt, 77, of King & Queen Court House, VA, went to be with the Lord January 9, 2014.

Leland faithfully served God and his community through his membership at Old Church UMC and the United Methodist Men. He was a life-long educator, principal and coach at King & Queen Central High School. In 2010, he was awarded the regional Award of Merit by the Virginia High School League because he demonstrated a positive impact on high school athletics and activity programs. Leland loved nature and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. From childhood, he showed a God-given artistic ability, a talent he pursued and shared throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher L. Wyatt.

Leland is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Dorothy McLeod Wyatt; two daughters and their husbands, Deborah and Mark Stafford, Jackie and Glen Walton; a grandson, Dylan Walton; and a daughter-in-law, Patricia Burnette Wyatt.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, January 19th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. The family will receive friends 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, January 18th at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to King and Queen Central High School Athletic Boosters Club, c/o Central High School, 17024 The Trail, King & Queen CH, VA 23085 or Old Church Pavilion Fund, c/o Sandra Bartos,

1213 Melrose Landing, Little Plymouth, VA 23091.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
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West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

## Visitation

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ We have only known the Wyatt family for around five years, but it didn't take long for our friendship to grow. We consider them "family". We were so blessed to know Leland and share in his wisdom, talent, unique humor and outlook on life. Our prayers and support are there for Dot, Debbie, Mark, Jackie, Glen and Dylan.  
Dennis & Rachel Christlieb



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**Dennis & Rachel Christlieb** - January 18, 2014 at 11:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Mrs. Wyatt and Family,

*We send our deepest sympathy as we share in the loss of Coach Wyatt to our Central High School family. Each of us has our own individual memories of him and he will always be a part of our high school experience and of our history.*

*Until Coach Wyatt rounds us all up for a head count in the Kingdom of Heaven, we will remember him and what we shared together. What is most genuine, most true and all that is worthy will never die.*

*With Our Deepest Sympathy,  
King and Queen Central High School  
Class of 1976*

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**Colette E. Dabney** - January 17, 2014 at 11:01 AM

CD

“ Dear Mrs. Wyatt,

*We can't tell you in earthly words or expressions how sorry we are to here of the loss of Coach Wyatt. Throughout school days at Central High School as well as maintaining our friendships throughout the years, your visits and time with us have always been special.*

*We'll miss the conversations and the surprise Christmas visits with your presentation of the Advent gifts. During the Christmas holidays you two were like Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause in the most neighborly, fun, thoughtful and loving way.*

*We'll miss him but we are here for you and we'll continue to pray for you and your family. Never forget all the love and support that we send to embrace you all now and always as we keep Coach Wyatt alive in memory and in our hearts.*

*With Sympathy,  
Jacob Dabney and Family*

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**Colette E. Dabney** - January 17, 2014 at 10:48 AM

MW

“ COACH WYATT AND FAMILY BECAUSE OF OUR LAST NAMES BEING THE SAME----- IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU WERE CONSTANTLY REFERED TO AS EITHER MY FATHER OR UNCLE. AND THOUGH WE ARE NOT OF THE SAME BLOOD LINE, IT HAS NEVER MATTERED BECAUSE BOTH ON THE BASEBALL FIELD AND JN OUR LIVES AFTER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE A FATHER FIGURE FOR MYSELF AND SO MANY OTHER YOUNG MEN AS WE PASSED FROM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GROWN ADULTS. IT WAS YOUR INFLUENCES IN SO MUCH OF MY YOUNGER YEARS THAT LEAD TO A TRUER BLESSING OF DEEPER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ME AND THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY TO THIS VERY DAY. AND I PERSONALLY THANK GOD FOR HAVING YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP WHILE YOU WERE HERE ON EARTH WITH US AND I HOPE SOMEDAY TO HAVE YOU AGAIN AS A TEACHER WHEN WE MEET INSIDE HEAVENS GATES. FRIENDS THRU ETERNITY, MASTER TROOPER DAVE WYATT, VSP AND STUDENT, CLASS OF 1975

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**MTP DAVE WYATT** - January 15, 2014 at 09:10 PM

AS

“ Jackie, Dot and family,

*My condolences goes out to you and the rest of the family. Leland never taught me in school but are paths had crossed many times. He was a wonderful person. I always enjoyed the conversations I had with him. I know of the struggles he has had as well as what you all have endured with him. I know he is with our Lord and Savior. Rest assured we will all be reunited again.*

*Love and prayers to you all.  
Ann C. Sheets*

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**Ann Sheets** - January 14, 2014 at 04:16 PM

LC

“ *Dot and family,  
We are so sad to learn of Leland's passing. He was such a gentle,  
kind soul. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Bill and Linda Crabtree*

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**Linda Crabtree** - January 13, 2014 at 02:56 PM

LC

“ *My Dear Mrs. Wyatt & Family"*  
*I was truly saddened to learn of the passing of  
our leader and friend, Mr. R. Leland Wyatt.  
My deepest heartfelt sympathy is extended to  
you and the family. As many have expressed,  
he was one of a kind - unique in his own character and a friend to  
all. One who was willing to work patiently with each individual he  
encountered in order for them to succeed while at King and Queen  
Central High School (i.e., my daughter, Samantha Muse while  
taking driver education and not stopping at the stop sign).  
I worked with Mr. Wyatt in many of the roles he held while serving in  
the school division and community when I was in King and Queen.  
He was the "calm" during a storm. And Mrs. Wyatt, I will never  
forget the kindness you and Mr. Wyatt showed me when my Mother  
passed in 2000. You took time from your busy schedules to stop by  
and visit with me, and "oh" that delicious pie you made for me. I love  
you - and just remember, he's gone home, but definitely not  
forgotten! If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate  
to ask.*



*Sincerely,  
Lavern Muse Crump*

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**Lavern Crump** - January 13, 2014 at 02:16 PM

RC

“ *Dot, William & myself are sorry to hear about Leland. Was a joy to be around him and enjoyed our visit with the both of you at our Class of 1958 class reunion(55yr) at Marion, Va. last year in June. May the Lord bless you and your family during this time. Love, Ruth Moore Clayton. Class of 58*

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**Ruth Moore Clayton** - January 12, 2014 at 08:28 PM

TR

“ Our hearts goes out to Dot, Debbie, Mark, Jackie, Glenn, and Dylan, you have our deepest, deepest sympathy,



*I pray God will grant you peace that passes all understanding and you will feel the arms of our heavenly father around you. We were all so blessed to have him in our lives and his legacy will live on. From teaching, to coaching, to his service to his church and community, Leland was a mentor and friend to so many. I loved Lee's stories, mostly about his life experiences, and I will always remember the many lessons I learned from them. Some of my favorites were about hunting and fishing. I don't think anyone could tell a story better. He had a great sense of humor and I loved his laugh. He captured nature so beautifully in his paintings and his woodwork. He was such a witness of God's love, he appreciated and shared God's word and gifts with others. He was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone and he helped us many times.*

*You all are like family to us and we loved Lee and will miss him so much. Lee faced struggles on a daily basis with his health issues and problems, he endured so much, but he was so strong and humble and he just kept going, quitting was not in his vocabulary. May you find peace in knowing he no longer has the struggles he had here on earth, for earth holds no sorrow heaven cannot heal. I can only imagine his joy when he was reunited with Chris, his parents, and his brother. Our hearts goes out to Dot, Debbie, Mark, Jackie, Glenn, and Dylan and we are always here for you. We are keeping you all in our heart and prayers today and in the days ahead.*

*Love,  
Henry, Bettie, and Will*

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**The Rankins** - January 12, 2014 at 08:00 PM

JW

“ *Mr. Wyatt never met a stranger. His warm and caring demeanor put everyone at ease. He was truly one of a kind and a treasure to both King and Queen Public Schools and the county. I have no doubt that there is a special place for him in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joanne Wright*

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**Joanne Wright** - January 12, 2014 at 03:56 AM

BD

“ *Mr. Wyatt always had his fabulous smile on his face always & his laughter helped to spread joy everywhere he went. I was so blessed to have met him & known him while I was teaching at Central HS. He was a truly wonderful man & he will be dearly missed. My love & prayers go out to all of his family & friends. Brenda Dillon*



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**Brenda Dillon** - January 11, 2014 at 08:35 PM

JF

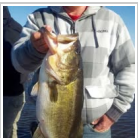
“ *To the Wyatt family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find peace and comfort in your memories. God bless each of you.*

*Jackie Bristow Fostek*

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**Jackie Bristow Fostek** - January 11, 2014 at 06:48 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Wyatt family.*

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**Donald Smith** - January 11, 2014 at 05:21 PM



“ *My heart and prayers go out to the Wyatt family .The world lost a great man but heaven gained an angel. May God comfort you as you deal with this great loss.*

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**Donald Smith** - January 11, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Wyatt and family,  
I am so saddened at the loss of Mr. Wyatt. He was such a great teacher and coach, and every single one of us carries a small piece of him in ourselves. Know that your husband and father was one of those great educators that will live on in our memories forever. I cherish those times I have been able to speak with him over the last several years, running into he and Mrs. Wyatt at Shoney's or in Walmart. He always remembered the good in all of his "kids".  
Judy Turner Carlton \* Class of 1980\**

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**Judy Carlton** - January 11, 2014 at 02:31 PM

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“ *I don't think there is a student that attended Central High School that wasn't touched in some way, shape or form by Mr. Wyatt. He leaves behind a little something in all of us that we will carry with us our entire life. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us all of those years.*

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**Beverly Wood, Class of 1977** - January 11, 2014 at 12:59 PM

LB

“ Leland Wyatt represented all that is good about a teacher, coach, and administrator. My best Mr. Wyatt story concerns my son who was a student at Central when Leland was principal. My son had been referred to the office for disciplinary action which required that he be suspended from school for 3 days. I spoke with Leland telling him that this punishment would not serve the purpose because my son hated school. Leland gave him in-school suspension (rarely done in those days) and had him write an essay on respect. He knew that my son hated to write anything, so it was the perfect action. My son never served another day of ISS, and he learned a great deal about respect. If only that kind of common sense approach to discipline was in vogue today.  
May God grant peace and rest to all the family.  
Linda Barnes

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**Linda Barnes** - January 11, 2014 at 11:05 AM

SP

“ Dorothy, so sorry for your loss. Appears you have a wonderful family for support.  
Blessings to all.  
  
Sonny Porterfield  
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**Sonny Porterfield** - January 11, 2014 at 09:53 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers to the family, Mr Wyatt was always a kind and loving man. My love to Mrs Wyatt, Debbie and Jackie.  
Tina Gay Stokes

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**Tina Stokes** - January 11, 2014 at 09:32 AM

LC

*Leland was a good, honest, compassionate educator and person who gave much to the county of King and Queen and it's citizens. He was a symbol of understanding and cohesiveness, the bridge builder when few were willing to span that gap of unity and understanding in our school system. He never ceased to have a smile, a kindness extended and a listening ear as well as a concerned heart. He stood tall for the young people in the school system and for all He met. He demonstrated God's command of 'love thy neighbor as thyself' in his daily living. On the behalf of King and Queen school system and the people of this county, I thank Leland and the family for being such a light in those dark times as well as the brighter days! "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into thy rest." My prayers and thoughts are with the family. God Bless!*  
*Louise H. Carlton*

**Louise H. Carlton** - January 11, 2014 at 09:58 AM

EB

“ *Mr. Wyatt was a good man. His smile & consistently kind nature will always be remembered & forever missed*

**EJ Blake** - January 11, 2014 at 08:13 AM



“ *To the Wyatt Family,*

*Only a few people come along in your lifetime that represents the true meaning of a role model. Mr. Wyatt was one of those few in my life. He will always be remembered. Thank you for sharing him with us! If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.*

*Jerry Davis, King & Queen Court House, Virginia*

**Jerry Davis** - January 11, 2014 at 06:51 AM

AS

*To the family he was one of the best teacher and a friend to my family and a great driving teacher too, he will be missed by all*

**ann shackelford shumaker** - January 11, 2014 at 06:28 PM

JM

“ We were all privileged to have been influenced and taught by Mr Wyatt. What a legend this man is to so many.

*I will always reflect back on the days of baseball and the patience he had with us all. You were a great inspiration Coach.*

*My thoughts and prayers to Dot, Jackie, Glenn and Dylan.*

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**Jonathan Massey** - January 11, 2014 at 06:47 AM

RD

“ To Mrs. Wyatt, and Family-

*I would like to extend my deepest condolences for your recent loss.*

*As a former student of Mr. Wyatt, I am truly fortunate to have shared his acquaintance. I will forever remember the outstanding leadership that Mr. Wyatt demonstrated; and while he made a considerable impression upon me as a child, the lasting influence of a truly inspiring mentor will be with me always.*

*May God bless you, and give you strength during your time of sorrow; and may you find comfort in knowing that while your loved one's spirit may have transcended on, he leaves behind fond memories that will forever remain in the hearts of many.*

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**Russell Deyo** - January 10, 2014 at 10:56 PM

EM

“ Wow. This is very sad. I remember Mr Wyatt as the girls basketball coach at King William HS in the 70's. He was a great coach & a fun person! Sending my thoughts to the family.

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**Ellen Morrison** - January 10, 2014 at 10:32 PM

BS

“ *Bill Sirman lit a candle in memory of R. Leland Wyatt*



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**Bill Sirman** - January 10, 2014 at 09:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of R. Leland Wyatt.*



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January 10, 2014 at 06:13 PM

DD

“ *What an amazing legacy Mr. Wyatt has left behind!! Young people of at least two generations whose lives were touched by Mr. Wyatt. Ever positive, smiling, and encouraging us all to be our very best!! He was greatly missed when he retired from K&Q Central High!! His type of leadership, coaching, and compassion is rare. He modeled for all students the best character, personality and taught them to use their gifts and talents everyday!! I can't help but believe that he's relaxing in a great, big, green freshly cut baseball diamond for all of eternity. with love, Dr. Joy Lawson Davis, Class of '71*

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**Dr. Joy Lawson Davis** - January 10, 2014 at 06:03 PM

MB

“ *Mr. Wyatt was a wonder kind hearted person and coach. He will be missed...they dont make them like him anymore. My prayers go out to the entire Wyatt family*

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**Michelle Briddell** - January 10, 2014 at 04:44 PM

AB

“ Mr. Wyatt was a wonderful person with a cheerful, friendly disposition, and he was always the same, everyday. I also remember him being a dedicated coach of boys' sports at CHS. May God's peace surround his family. RIEP, Mr. Wyatt.

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**A Baytops** - January 10, 2014 at 04:37 PM

JM

“ Mr. Wyatt was my drivers ed teacher. He had so much patience and kindness towards all of the students in our class. He was so friendly and loved to listen to country music when we were in-car driving plus he never made me parrellel park. He has made an impact on my life and I am sure my others as well.

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**Jennifer Miller** - January 10, 2014 at 04:06 PM

RJ

“ My heart goes out to the Wyatt family, I sure had my good times learning and some good laughs with Mr.Wyatt. Best teacher& coach K&Q ever had!!! RIP Coach Wyatt.

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**Richard Billups, JR.** - January 10, 2014 at 03:59 PM

RJ

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**Richard Billups, JR.** - January 10, 2014 at 03:59 PM

AA

“ Mr. Wyatt was one of the most caring people to ever be principal at CHS. He was fair and honest with everyone. He was the kind of person that was always willing to give a student a helping hand. I was glad to have known him. Prayers to the family for strength and peace in their lives...

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**Arthur Ayers** - January 10, 2014 at 03:40 PM

 Denise  
Davis

“ Mr. Wyatt is not a whole lot older than I am but he taught me in the late 60's. He was probably a brand new teacher back then. He was a very good teacher. I remember on an exam it was essay and I misread the question. He could have failed me but he said even though my answer was wrong, it was a good answer for the wrong question and gave me a passing grade. He didn't have to do that. He was an understanding and very good teacher. My condolences to the family.

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**Denise Davis** - January 10, 2014 at 02:26 PM

MS

“ Mr Wyatt was truly a wonderful person. He was such a great role model. I had the privilege of not only being one of his students, but I also had the opportunity to work under him within the school system as well. I just don't think there could have been a better man for any of the positions he held. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers to Dot, Jackie, Glen and all of his family and friends.

*Michelle Southern  
St Stephens Church*

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**Michelle Southern** - January 10, 2014 at 02:23 PM

RL

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Mrs. Wyatt and family. Mr. Wyatt had always been a special person in my life from teacher, mentor, fellow church member and friend. I will dearly miss him and God has gained a faithful, loyal New child in heaven! I can see Mr Wyatt and God conversing for hours on all the questions. . Theories. . Etc. . Lol.*

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**Rebecca Brooks Lewis** - January 10, 2014 at 02:16 PM

MJ

“ *Mr. Wyatt was a great teacher he taught me a lot heaven is getting a great man*



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**melanie jenkins** - January 10, 2014 at 02:05 PM

BV

“ *Mr Wyatt was a great guy and a wonderful teacher he will be missed by many.  
my Thoughts & prayers to the family.  
Barbara Vandegrift  
Mattaponi Va*

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**Barbara Vandegrift** - January 10, 2014 at 01:53 PM

DR

“ *Mr. Wyatt was such a great man and an amazing teacher who really cared about what he taught and the students he taught. I will forever remember the great memories!*

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**Dave Redford** - January 10, 2014 at 01:33 PM

EP

“ *God has taken a great man from us. And I will miss him dearly because he had me drive across the Warsaw bridge and he knew I was scared too. Thank you and RIEP.*

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**Emerson E. Parson** - January 10, 2014 at 12:53 PM