



## Ray Atlee Wingfield Jr.

December 28, 1941 - September 2, 2020

Ray Atlee Wingfield, Jr went to be with his Creator on September 2, 2020. Ray, 78, was born in Bedford, VA and was the oldest son of Ray Atlee Wingfield, Sr and Kathryn Carter Wingfield, who both preceded him along with his brother, Donald Wingfield. He was a graduate of Bedford High School and Danville Technical Institute. He retired from Verizon after 33 years of service. Most of his retirement years were spent repairing windshields, tinting windows, as well as driving for several motor coach companies, always making sure his passengers were safe, comfortable and enjoying their trip. Ray never met a stranger. He always enjoyed meeting and talking with people, eager to learn their story. Ray was truly a jack-of-all-trades and spent his life doing and fixing things for others, always seeking out new skills to learn. Ray was passionate about his varied interests, including country/bluegrass jams, Western movies, hydroponic gardening, HAM radio and fellowship at Hardee's. He loved driving to old and new destinations, laughing and making others laugh, visiting the Outer Banks with family and friends, sitting on the porch by the river, and spending time with family at Blumont, his home place in Bedford, VA. He always had a love of airplanes and was once a licensed pilot and flight instructor. Ray served in the VA National Guard from 1964-1969. He was a Mason and member of the Kazim Shrine Temple. He was a member of The Gideons International, Williamsburg Camp. Ray's faith was strong and he remained a devoted follower of Christ and member of Stone House Presbyterian Church.

Ray treasured his family. He is survived by Nell M. Palmer Wingfield, his wife of 56 years, and his daughters, Kathy Douglas (David), Marie Koehl (Rick), and grandchildren, Palmer, Dana and Lindsey. He is also survived by brothers John Wingfield (Linda) and Bill Wingfield (Jane), sister-in-law Ruth Wingfield, brother-in-law Glenn Palmer (Judy), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. An outdoor visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at Stone House Presbyterian Church from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM followed by an outdoor memorial service at 4:00 PM.

Due to COVID-19, please wear masks and observe social distancing.

Memorial donations can be made in his memory to: Shriners Hospitals for Children, 950 W. Faris St, Greenville, SC 29605, Stone House Presbyterian Church, 9401 Fieldstone Parkway, Toano, VA 23168 or The Gideons International, Williamsburg Camp, PO Box 6813, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 8. 4:00 PM (ET)

Stone House Presbyterian Church  
9401 Fieldstone Pky  
Toano, VA 23168

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ Ray Ray will forever be missed by many. He always had a huge smile and a story to tell. I remember when Ray 1st got a Smart Phone. He loved to share pictures of places he had been and things he had done. His wheels were always turning, always looking to try new things. I will miss that smile. My thoughts and prayers to you Nell and The Wingfield Family.



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**Carol Keenan** - September 11, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JM

“ Atlee and I were in High School together and double dated many times. He always loved coming to our Bedford High School /1960/ reunions. The 60ieth was to be this past July but was cancelled due to the virus. I learned so much about him reading these shared memories. I did not know he played music or sang, never heard him. However, the comments about his smile was certainly on what a "spot". Nell and family, so sorry for the loss, but know you had a wonderful marriage and family. 2020 has been a hard year on the ole' BHS class and it will never be the same without Atlee.

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**Joyce W Moorman** - September 09, 2020 at 07:26 AM

JW

“ Nell and family,  
  
I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Joanne Wright*

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**Joanne Wright** - September 08, 2020 at 05:14 PM

DP

“ Ray and I worked together at QCS in Chesapeake after we had retired from Bell Atlantic. Ray had the ability to make so many of us feel like we were his best friend. Ray loved the Lord, his family, and his friends.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*

*Dennis Preston*

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**Dennis Preston** - September 08, 2020 at 04:25 PM

ES

“ Nell, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*I am going to miss Ray at the jams, I enjoyed listening to him sing and play. I always considered it being a privilege to be Rays friend.*

*Ray was a very kind, friendly and outgoing person. He will be missed very much, but certainly not forgotten.*

*Ed Slayton*

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**Ed Slayton** - September 08, 2020 at 11:48 AM

WM

“ Nell, I'm so sorry for your loss. I first met Ray in 1972 in the "Carrier Shop" for C & P Telephone. He was always great to work with, very helpful. I loved the stories about flying. I always looked forward to seeing him at the company breakfast reunions. He will dearly be missed. You and your family are in my prayers.

*Wilford Mills*

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**Wilford Mills** - September 07, 2020 at 02:47 PM

LR

“ *Nell, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. May the peace of God give you comfort during this difficult time, Lucy Rothnie ( Hickory Neck Episcopal Church)*

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**Lucy Rothnie** - September 06, 2020 at 03:35 PM

WH

“ *On all occasions when we were with Ray, we felt like we were in our favorite easy chair. Ray's spiritual perspective on life built us up and provided needed reassurance. We would be very proud if our grandchildren grew up to be like Ray's Christ centered character. Ray is a significant blessing in our lives. Thanks be to God for Ray's life!*

*Jane & Will Hatcher*

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**Will Hatcher** - September 06, 2020 at 03:06 PM

GC

“ *Our heartfelt love and sympathy to Nell and the entire Wingfield family. We are so sorry for your loss; Atlee will be missed by his family and many friends. We will keep you in our prayers during these difficult days and weeks ahead. God bless. Gary and Barbara Carter*

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**Gary and Barbara Carter** - September 05, 2020 at 10:48 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Couch lit a candle in memory of Ray Atlee Wingfield Jr.*



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**Gloria Couch** - September 05, 2020 at 09:15 PM

AW

“ *Avie Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Ray Atlee Wingfield Jr.*



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**Avie Gerald Williams** - September 05, 2020 at 07:23 PM

JW

“ *Remembering out times long ago Trinity Presbyterian. Praying for you in your loss. I remember fondly you and Ray, and your love of our Lord .My Luther died 6 years ago also at 78. Joan Wright*

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**Joan Wright** - September 05, 2020 at 07:20 PM

MS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with Family and Friends at this very difficult time*

*NEW VISION TELEPHONE PIONEERS RICHMOND COUNCIL*

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**Mary Simons** - September 05, 2020 at 05:36 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family.  
Jan Belote  
New Vision Pioneers, Old Dominion Pioneers*



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**Jan Belote** - September 05, 2020 at 12:46 PM

JS

*Nell Marie, we will all miss being with Ray at our next Class Reunion. He was such an interesting person, blessed with wit, kindness, thoughtful comments; and always with a ready smile. Our prayers are with you and your family. James and Emy Stewart*

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**James Stewart** - September 06, 2020 at 10:02 AM

MH

“ *Nell, our prayers are with you in these trying times. We knew Ray through our bluegrass music jams at Walton's and at Brett-Reed Church. We will surely miss getting Ray up to sing for us. He was such a kind person and a great friend to anyone he met. Our loss is Heaven's gain*

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**Mel & Dian hughes** - September 04, 2020 at 04:28 PM

SH

“ *Nell Marie, I can't tell you how sorry we are. Remembering you in my prayers.*

*Sarah and Freddy*

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**Sarah and Fred Hodges** - September 04, 2020 at 03:43 PM

RL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you go through this difficult time. Wishing you comfort and peace.*

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**Roxanne Greggs Lane** - September 04, 2020 at 03:25 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Ray Atlee Wingfield Jr.*



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**john and vickie roane** - September 04, 2020 at 02:15 PM

LS

“ *Nell Marie and girls, so sorry for your great loss. Sending love and prayers. 💔*



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**Linda South** - September 04, 2020 at 11:58 AM



Kenneth  
Hurt

“ *So sorry to hear of Atlee's passing. Sending prayers to John and Bill and the entire Wingfield family.*

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**Kenneth Hurt** - September 04, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Glenn and Judy,  
We are so sorry for your loss and send our deepest sympathy and hugs and prayers.  
Howard and Charlene Cook*

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**Charlene Cook** - September 04, 2020 at 09:10 AM

DK

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Atlee. I met him and his brothers riding #7 bus to school. He treated me like his little sister as did his brothers. He was always kind and made me feel special. He remained a kind and caring man as an adult. I will miss him, his smile and the twinkle in his eyes. ❤️  
Debbie Key

Debbie Key - September 04, 2020 at 08:20 AM

PH

“ We're glad we had the opportunity to meet Ray on the bus trips. Whether on the trips or seeing him and Nell at Nick's, he always had a warm smile and friendly words. With deepest sympathy,  
Patricia and Sidney Hilton

Patricia Hilton - September 03, 2020 at 11:31 PM

DS

“ Mr. Ray was my dearest friend. He became my second dad after my dad passed away. He was a hard working honest man. He never had an unkind word to say about anyone. There wasn't a highway or road that he didn't know. He was an outstanding coach operator but most of all, im proud to say he was a great friend. I will miss him always. This world was a better place with him in it.



Deanne Smith - September 03, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ Nell, I am so very saddened to learn of Ray's passing. He will leave a huge void in those who knew him and called him friend. I have such fond memories of Ray and our Tuesday Jam. He was always smiling, playing and singing his music to entertain and keep us smiling too. He always asked "how are you". Or "I've missed you". His genuine concern for others made him special. I will miss him. Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. Sincerely and affectionally, Sylvia Hunt

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**Sylvia Hunt** - September 03, 2020 at 09:12 PM

LR

“ A beautiful tribute to a beautiful man! He will be missed by many. May your memories bring you peace. All our love, Lisa, Dean, Luke and Cole Ratliff

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**Lisa Ratliff** - September 03, 2020 at 08:59 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Luana & John Bond** - September 03, 2020 at 08:21 PM

KC

On the left is Kerman Ward, Then Ray, then Sylvia Hunt. Having a great time with bluegrass and country jam time. Ken C.

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**Ken C** - September 03, 2020 at 09:39 PM

LB

“ Ray was one of the kindest men John or I have ever known. We knew him through the acoustic music jams here in Williamsburg, and will cherish our memories we have of him.  
Ray had a beautiful voice, and I was always very honored when he asked me to sing with him, or smiled at me when I sang along on the choruses of his songs. A true gentle man.

*John and Luana Bond*

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**Luana and John Bond** - September 03, 2020 at 06:45 PM

JP

“ None of us were prepared for this. He will be greatly missed, but we will cherish our wonderful memories.

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**Judy & Glenn Palmer** - September 03, 2020 at 04:05 PM

RC

“ Ray will be missed here at West Point Family Barbershop , always had a smile for me. Love to the family, and God Bless. -Rebecca and David Carter

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**Rebecca Carter** - September 03, 2020 at 03:59 PM