



Wendell Stanley Proffitt

August 24, 1941 - April 28, 2021

Wendell S. Proffitt of Richmond, Virginia died peacefully at the age of 79 on April 28, 2021. He was born in Camden, Arkansas on August 24, 1941 to Dorothy Murphy Proffitt, and Omett Minor Proffitt. He is survived by his three children, Mary Jane Lang of Barrow, Alaska, Kimberly (Pete) Foster of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Matthew (Christen) Proffitt of Providence Forge, Virginia along with eleven grandchildren, even more great grandchildren, and his brother Steve (Diane) Proffitt.

Wendell lived most of his life in the South and all who heard him speak knew it right away. He spent his youth in Camden, Arkansas, Bastrop, Louisiana and graduated from Pensacola, Florida's Tate High School in 1959. Wendell had a gift for salesmanship, storytelling and humorous sarcasm. Although he had a variety of work experiences and spent a year in Saigon as an MP during the Vietnam War, he was most suited as an insurance salesman. For much of his career, he worked for an insurance company, Integon, based in Winston Salem, North Carolina. In his free time, he enjoyed spectator sports and cold beer. He was a loyal fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Braves.

Although he often spoke of himself as a "good looking son of a gun," he taught his children the importance of being humble, the value of common sense and the advantages doing of math computations in your head. His favorite roles in life were those of father and grandfather. He was known to travel across the

state to see basketball games, cross county meets, soccer games, baseball games, tennis matches, and dance recitals. His family feels blessed beyond measure to have had such a dedicated and caring patriarch. Family was very important to Wendell and was happiest when he spent an outdoor day with them. He was one of the good guys.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

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“ From way back, I think of Wendell as having such a good and kind spirit. Visits between our families were few and far between, but very much anticipated.

Coming out of 1940's Arkansas, I was fortunate having a friend like Wendell. Although he knew my brother and sister first, I'm happy he was a lifelong friend to me too. When our mothers took us swimming or we burned hot dogs over the fire, it was great. Sometimes, there just was not much to do growing up then. That was OK, it was good company.

Later, my parents moved us across the country. Living in the west, we saw even less of Wendell and his family. Then, one day, they were at the front door, they had gone west, too. Not near, but in the same country this time. What a grand day. It has been a good friendship for sure and I am grateful for it.

To Wendell's family, I sincerely offer my condolence. May you find peace in your memories of him.

Vicki Bowen Smith

Vicki Smith - May 13, 2021 at 03:08 PM

CE

“ I was so sorry to hear of Wendell's death. He and I were neighbors at Laurel Square for several years. We played a lot of tennis together and had a few beers together. I knew that he was very devoted to his children, and I send them my sincere condolences. Wendall was a fun and very nice man.

Carol Edwards

Carol Edwards - May 05, 2021 at 05:17 PM

WB

Was better friends with Wendall's brother, Steve. I remember that he had the coolest vehicle at Tate High School. Beautiful Pontiac Ventura!! My sincerest condolences to the family.

William Bohannon - May 06, 2021 at 09:49 AM

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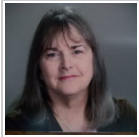
“ *As a fellow classmate , Wendell was a friend during our teen and young adult years. Wendell thank you for the good times shared with you, Steve, and your family.*

Wendell was best man in our wedding and I and my wife Bobbie was so saddened to hear of his demise and wish to estend our sympathy to his children and to his extended family.

We will always have you in our memory,

Bill, " Willie " and Bobbie Billingsley

Bill Billingsley - May 04, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Wendell, was my first cousin, and we grew up during a time when extended families stayed connected. Every time Aunt Dorothy was in Camden, she always brought Wendell and Steve to visit. I loved those visits. They were my "goodlooking cousins" and they always played with me even though I was younger. I'm so glad we kept in touch over years. I know Wendell will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all his family. Love, Ginny (Virginia Smith Jenney)*

Virginia Smith Jenney - April 29, 2021 at 08:27 PM

HF

“Wendell was a loving father to our dear daughter-in-law, Kimberly Proffitt Foster and a devoted grandfather to our common grandchildren, Erica, Tommy, and Laura. We will miss him and our hearts go out to all his family in their time of loss. RIP, Wendell.
Helen and Tom Foster

Helen Foster - April 29, 2021 at 06:24 PM

MH

“Wendell always joined us to watch and celebrate our grandchildren and to share lunch afterwards. He will always be remembered as a “good guy!” Rest In Peace dear friend and fellow grandparent.

Margaret and Chancellor Hamilton - April 29, 2021 at 11:30 AM