



Wayne Lee Staufenbeil

June 25, 2016

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CALEDONIA-Wayne Lee Staufenbeil put down his pen and crossword puzzle for the last time on Saturday, June 25, 2016. Taken from us suddenly at the age of 73, the world has lost one of the greatest NASCAR fans.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Patricia (Zeniecki) whom he married in 1963 at St. Mary's church in Waukesha. Also his children: Dwayne Staufenbeil, Jeffrey Staufenbeil, Michelle Pendergast and Bradly Staufenbeil. His brother, David Staufenbeil and his sister Diane Nolte. He is preceded in death by his parents: Arthur Staufenbeil and Vivienne Huber-Staufenbeil as well as his brother John (Jack) Staufenbeil.

Once a Marine, always a Marine. Wayne proudly served his country in 1963. He retired from AT & T in 2007 after 38 years of taking care of his customers. He never owned a cell phone and he never connected to the Internet.

Wayne had a garden most of his life and always grew too many zucchini and green beans. He loved and cared for his dogs and made sure to leave the garage door open at night so the birds could get to the babies in their nest. He loved all things NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt was his favorite driver. Never schedule anything during a race! He was never without his crossword puzzles or Sudoku.

He was a devoted grandpa to his 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. And always willing to chauffeur when needed, except during a race.

Wayne's family would like to thank all of the complete strangers and medical

team that worked so hard to save him. He would have laughed that he made the news.

Family and friends are invited to join us in celebrating Wayne's life on Friday July 1, 2016. Visitation will be held from 11am until service time at 12:30 pm at Sturino Funeral Home followed by burial at 2:00 pm with full military honors at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 21731 Spring Street, Union Grove, WI.

Please feel free to write a memory, share a token of the past or bring a picture of Wayne to be displayed in remembrance as a keepsake for the family.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Wayne Lee Staufenbeil*



Sturino Funeral Home - July 05, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Lee Staufenbeil*



Sturino Funeral Home - June 30, 2016 at 03:36 PM

KM

“ *I'm sorry I couldn't attend the service today, but I'm glad to have had the chance to view the moving video tribute. My heart goes out to the entire family. I met Wayne a few times, and always enjoyed him. His children and grandchildren are a testament to what a wonderful person he was. Sending love, prayers, and hugs to you all.*

*Kimberly Mackowski
West Allis*

Kimberly Mackowski - July 01, 2016 at 06:11 PM

MD

Thank you Kimberly

Michelle, Waynes daughter - July 02, 2016 at 05:56 PM

NA

“ *My memories go way back. I was the youngest Swart girl living down the road from all the Staufenbeils. Our parents were great friends as were the kids. We spent every holiday together and countless days in between. Playing in the fields and hanging out together while our parents played cards. We were inseparable. As we grew up we were in and out of each others lives but always family. You will be missed Wayne. I love you and say hi to Jack and your Mom. Nancy*

Nancy - June 30, 2016 at 09:20 PM

MD

Thank you so much for coming to the funeral and for sharing your stories.

Michelle, Waynes daughter - July 02, 2016 at 05:58 PM

MH

“ *Ken sent us the sad news about Wayne. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers as we are at our summer/Christmas home in Montana for a few months and are unable to be physically with all of you.*
Chris lives on the other side of the property. Nice to be close to family....a little different for us as we have always been a distance away.
Take care. May your beautiful memories of Wayne help your tears turn into smiles.
Don & Marty Huber

Marty Huber - June 30, 2016 at 06:01 PM

MD

We were sorry you were unable to attend the funeral but appreciate you having us in your thoughts. It was so nice to see the other Hubers that were able to make the trip.

Michelle, Waynes daughter - July 02, 2016 at 06:04 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to hear this. Prayers and thought to Wayne's family. Me and Wayne worked together at AT&T for years. A super great guy, dearly missed.*

Jack Berry - June 30, 2016 at 03:46 PM

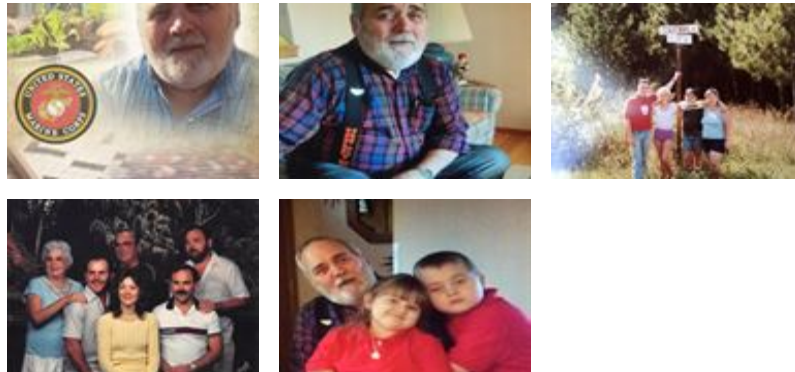
MD

Thank you...we will miss him too. It was so nice to see so many of his coworkers attend the funeral and to hear all of the stories they had to share.

Michelle, Waynes daughter - July 02, 2016 at 06:06 PM



“ *56 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - June 30, 2016 at 02:58 PM

DI

“ *Wish I could be with you all tomorrow, Friday. I will be in spirit. Take care Big Bro, and rest in peace. You always looked after your Little Sis, and I know you will continue to do so. Love, XXXXXXXXX Sis. Missing you.*



diane - June 30, 2016 at 08:02 AM

MD

We wish you could have been there too but you were in our thoughts. Love and miss you.

Michelle, Waynes daughter - July 02, 2016 at 06:07 PM

DI

“ *1 file added to the album Love and Memories from Sis*



diane - June 30, 2016 at 07:52 AM

MD

Great picture. Thank you for sharing it.

Michelle, Waynes daughter - July 02, 2016 at 05:55 PM

DN

“ 1 file added to the album *Love from Sis*



D. Nolte - June 30, 2016 at 07:42 AM

DN

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories from Sis*



D. Nolte - June 30, 2016 at 07:34 AM

DN

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories from Sis*



D. Nolte - June 30, 2016 at 07:31 AM

DN

“ *Wish I could be there with everyone on Friday; I will be in spirit. Take care, Big Bro, and be at peace. You've always looked after Little Sis, and I know you will still be doing so now. Lots of Love, Little Sis Diane. XXXXX*



D. Nolte - June 30, 2016 at 07:26 AM

DD

“ *David and Family; Diane and Dale purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Wayne Lee Staufenbeil.*



David and Family; Diane and Dale - June 28, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Lee Staufenbeil.*



June 28, 2016 at 03:02 PM

TM

“ *Tina M. lit a candle in memory of Wayne Lee Staufenbeil*



Tina M. - June 28, 2016 at 01:27 PM