



Wayne Day

May 26, 1939 - January 30, 2026

Wayne Howard Day, age 86, of Irwinton, passed away on Friday, January 30, 2026. A Celebration of Life for Wayne Day will be conducted Monday, February 2, 2026 at 3:00pm in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Gordon with Rev. Larry Glover officiating. Interment will be held privately in McIntyre Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Williams Funeral Home of Gordon on Monday, February 2, 2026 from 2:00pm until the service hour.

A native of McIntyre, Wayne was born on May 26, 1939 to the late James Orin Day, Sr. and the late Willie Jo Daniel Day. In addition to his parents, Wayne was also preceded in death by his significant other, Louette Vaughn, by his sister, Virginia Smallwood, and by his brothers, Harold Day, Joe Day, and James Day, Jr.. Wayne graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Industrial Engineering, and went back to school to graduate with his Bachelor's Degree from Georgia State University, to become a Respiratory Therapist. Wayne remained in Atlanta for most of his life, working as a Respiratory Therapist for, and eventually retiring from, Emory University Hospital. Meanwhile, he continued earning various college degrees.

Wayne is survived by nephews, Joey Day (& Stephania) of Indiana, Jeff Day (& Dawn) of McIntyre, Dr. Jimmy Day (& Hannah) of Griffin, and Ricky Smallwood of Byron ; and nieces, Sheryl Martin of McIntyre, Betty Jo Vinci of

Fayetteville, Margie Dean of McIntyre, Sandra Smallwood of Byron, and Donna Mullis of Augusta.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.whitecolumnsfh.net

Williams – White Columns Funeral Home of Gordon is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

McIntyre Baptist Church Cemetery

Hill St.
McIntyre, GA 31054

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Williams White Columns Funeral Home - Gordon
179 Milledgeville Road
Gordon, GA 31031
(478) 628-2200
gordon@williamsfuneralhome.net
<https://www.whitecolumnsfh.net/>

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Williams-White Columns Funeral Home
179 Milledgeville Rd.
Gordon, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Williams White-Columns Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Wayne Day*



Williams-White Columns Funeral Home - February 02 at 02:09 PM

SG

“ *Wayne was my roommate at Ga. Tech our senior year in 1962-63. We had several classes together and realized that with both of us coming from small towns, we had a lot in common. We kept in touch over the years with an occasional visit from Wayne, and numerous phone calls. He was one of a kind and will be truly missed. Sonny Gay, Gainesville, Ga.*

Sonny Gay - February 06 at 11:17 AM

ES

“ *Wayne was my classmate at Wilco. He was always a gentleman! Only good memories of him.*

Edna Allen Strickland - February 01 at 04:34 PM

GH

“ Wayne was a member of my graduation class. He was a quiet one who stayed out of trouble & was pretty good on the basketball court. I remember our English teacher (Ms. Willie) probing & urging Wayne to answer questions to little avail. Then he goes on to GA Tech, GA State & other schools graduating &/or getting certified to do all kinds of things. Can you see him teaching a math class, barbering, being a nurse or repairing his HVAC system? I called him a “jack of all trades”. He continued to be quiet, kind, & a respectful individual. He enjoyed traveling with his friend & they spent many hours working on projects together & was so sad & lonely when she passed away. Maybe they have met again & they both have big smiles! I know you will miss him until you meet again in the afterlife. Much love to all of you.

Glenda Hobbs - January 31 at 05:01 PM

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“ Colin & Pat Mathis lit a candle in memory of Wayne Day



Colin & Pat Mathis - January 31 at 02:03 PM