



Lt.Col Clifford Wayne Stacey

March 6, 1943 - October 8, 2019

Lt. Col. Clifford Wayne Stacey (U.S. Army Retired) (76) passed away on October 8, 2019 at his home in Gulf Shores with members of his family by his side. He is a native of Atmore. He's preceded in death by his parents Bruce and Alice (Kearley) Stacey. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Donna K. (Richey) Stacey, five adult children; Amber Stacey (Andrew Hammerdorfer), Ashle Kazman (Steve), Shannon Stacey, Stephen Stacey, Stephanie McGhee (Dale) and nine grandchildren Ethan Kazman, Carter Kazman, Zachary Kazman, Ashton Kazman, Cooper Vibbert , Megan McGhee, Andrew Clemmons, Ashlynn Clemmons, Aundrea Gates; and his brother Joe Burl Stacey. He has resided in Gulf Shores for over 15 years. Stacey graduated from ECHS in 1961, Auburn University in 1965 (bachelor's degree in business administration), Butler University (master's degree in business administration) in 1976 and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1979. Stacey has a long-established military service record, including commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army into the Adjutant General Corps from Auburn, assignments to Ft. Benning, Ga., Ft. Harrison, Ind., Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., Ft. Hood, Texas, Ft. Knox, Ky., Ft. Bragg, N.C., Vietnam, Okinawa, Japan and South Korea. He had several staff duties and commands. Stacey served as leadership instructor in U.S. Army schools, numerous Army task forces and retired from active duty in 1991 with over 25 years of service. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), defense meritorious service medal, meritorious service medal with three OLC and

Army commendation medal. He was the human resources director for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority and Centennial Olympic Park from 1992-2004. He also was a co-owner and operator of sporting goods retail store from 1994-2002. He is a life member of the American Legion Gulf Shores Post 44 for more than 20 years and has served in many officer roles locally, state and nationally, to include Department Commander in 2014-2015. He was installed into the Atmore Hall of Fame in 2019. Additionally, he's a member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron No. 44, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7016 in Atmore and other disabled and Vietnam Veterans organizations. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores, associated member of the Marine Corps League and member of the Military Officers Association of America. Wayne was a great leader. He will be remembered as a man of God that fiercely loved his family, his country and the selfless service of men and women in uniform. Those who knew him were blessed.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to The American Legion Department of Alabama Veterans' Retreat, P.O. Box 1069, Montgomery, AL 36101. This was Wayne's wish and it shows just how much he loved our brothers and sisters in arms.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores Alabama
2200 West 1st Street
Gulf Shores , AL 36542

Funeral Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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2200 West 1st Street
Gulf Shores , AL 36542

Military Graveside Service

OCT 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort
34904 AL-225
Spanish Fort, AL 36577
(251) 625-1338

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I was thinking about Wayne the other day-thought I would look him up- to my surprise and sadness. I thinking about how he was my mentor and likely never knew it. I am sharing this as a memory that I hope will make it to his family, albeit wayyyy late. I lost touch with Wayne after leaving the Georgia World Congress centre HR department many moons ago. He likely had no idea how much he meant to me. He was an ardent supporter of advancement for women professionally and teaching me about "integrity" in your character above all. He had a wonderfully commanding voice, perfect posture, a little bow in his leg and a heart of gold. He led with such confidence and fairness- managed the politics of the org so stealthly but richly without sacrificing any of his values. I have so much admiration for him and I hope I see him again on the other side. I'm sending love to his family and sharing that it's never too late to let them know how much their person meant to others! God Bless

Suzanne Duncan - June 26, 2025 at 03:15 PM

ED

“ Dear Donna,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your dear husband Wayne.

*Blessings,
Earnestine Doubek*

Earnestine Doubek - October 16, 2019 at 08:40 PM

CP

“ THE PASSING OF COMMANDER WAYNE STACEY MARKS WHAT HAS BEEN AN ERA OF OUTSTANDING AND HISTORIC LEADERSHIP OF THE ALABAMA AMERICAN LEGION AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ALABAMA VETERANS. THE MEMBERS OF POST 3 AMERICAN LEGION EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY, PRAYERS AND RESPECT TO DONNA STACEY WHO HERSELF HAS BEEN A GREAT LEADER IN THE AMERICAN LEGION OF ALABAMA AND TO THE ALABAMA VETERAN COMMUNITIES.

CAPTAIN HAL PIERCE - October 13, 2019 at 11:42 AM

LK

“ *I remember what a strong and good man he was. I always held him in such high esteem. I am sorry for your loss.*

Larry Kearley - October 12, 2019 at 01:48 PM

CR

“ *A couple of years ago, despite his many commitments with his wife to serve other veterans and his family, he found time to try to help a struggling young vet I introduced him to at the Legion one night. A true leader who moderated his zeal with compassion to serve his country, his community, and his Christ.*

Cindy Rice - October 12, 2019 at 11:34 AM

LK

“ *It was a true honor to have known such a great man. His love for God, country, our military and the American Legion family was never hidden. My sympathy to his family for their great loss. I pray the Holy Spirit comforts them through this difficult time as only he can.*

Linda Knoblach-Harkness - October 11, 2019 at 09:30 PM

BF

“ *Bill & Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Lt.Col Clifford Wayne Stacey*



Bill & Sharon Fleming - October 11, 2019 at 07:56 AM

IK

“ *Wayne always had a smile, hand shake, warm welcome “how are you”...an awesome Leader, always willing to help, interested, and concerned offering straight advice. A true Christian, living by God’s word, doing what is right and honorable. Wayne you will truly be missed, leaving us with an un-forgivable legacy and shoes too big to fill. Thank you Sir for sharing so much, with so many and Never forgetting our Veterans and their families. We are blessed to have had you in our lives...always in our hearts.*

Many thanks, much love, always appreciative for our time shared together,

Buddy and Iris Keen 🌹❤️🇺🇸

iris keen - October 10, 2019 at 11:05 PM

FB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Fran Barber-Bruyn - October 10, 2019 at 08:25 PM

RP

Will be missed by Ray and Rheda Parker. Praying for the family.

Rheda Parker - October 12, 2019 at 09:47 AM

NB

“ Donna,

Bill and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this time. Wayne was such an amazing Christian man who loved his family, second only to Jesus Christ. I always loved seeing his smile and hearing his "commanding" voice at Woolsey Baptist Church. We were sad to see you leave us for Gulf Shores, but, it is comforting to know Wayne is now in his eternal home with our Lord and Savior.

We love and miss you,

Neva Burke

Neva Burke - October 10, 2019 at 06:37 PM

BB

“ *If only the country had more men like Wayne, it would be a better, safer and more caring place to live. Such a great American who truly care for our veterans and their families.*

May the Lord provide Donna and his entire family eternal strength, solace, and comfort as we all honor and carry forward Wayne's incredible legacy.

Blessings,

Bryan Battaglia

USMC (Ret)

Bryan Battaglia - October 10, 2019 at 05:28 PM

CJ

“ Wayne was a true Leader and Mentor. He had a passion for taking care of Veterans and their Family members. He said what he meant and he meant what he said. Our prayers are with the entire Stacey family.

Deuteronomy 31:8

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Chrystal Jones - October 10, 2019 at 11:44 AM

FF

“ Freddie and Chrystal Jones, American Legion Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Lt.Col Clifford Wayne Stacey .



Freddie and Chrystal Jones, American Legion Family -
October 10, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lt.Col Clifford Wayne Stacey .



October 10, 2019 at 11:25 AM

LS

“ Love, TAL Department Officers and Staff purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Lt.Col Clifford Wayne Stacey .



Love, TAL Department Officers and Staff - October 10, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lt.Col Clifford Wayne Stacey .



October 10, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lt.Col Clifford Wayne Stacey .



October 09, 2019 at 09:47 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to Wayne’s family. Remember wayne from several class reunions, especially the last one in atmore. Had some great laughs and shared some memories from high school. Thanks for your service to our country. God Bless.

john briguglio - October 09, 2019 at 09:12 PM

JH

“ My Uncle Wayne is one of the most honorable men I've ever known. His presence and voice immediately made you stand up straight and listen. He always greeted me with a handshake a hug and how are things young man. His love for his family was paramount even for his nephew and his family which has had a lasting affect on me my wife Loura and my children. My favorite memory is everytime I'm visiting he'd tell me how people in Alabama eat shrimp and I was gonna have to get with the program. I promise Uncle Wayne I'll eat a mess of Gulf Coast shrimp for you. Love you always!

James Henning - October 09, 2019 at 06:48 PM

JH

“ I have some of the best memories spending time with Uncle Wayne on the horse farm in Georgia. I am so glad my boys got to meet you and spend some time with you when we would visit in Alabama. You will surely be missed and I am deeply saddened by your loss. Our condolences to the family in this hard time. Love you all

Jamie Halpin - October 09, 2019 at 06:36 PM

NR

Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl extends our deepest sympathy to Wayne's family. Rest in peace Brother. You are loved and will never be forgotten. Semper Fi

norman reinoehl - October 10, 2019 at 12:42 PM

CC

Wayne faithfully served as an adult Sunday school teacher at Woolsey Baptist Church. Our senior adults loved Wayne and Donna. Wayne will be missed! Pastor Chuck

Chuck Chambers - October 10, 2019 at 04:40 PM