



# Wayne Edward Royse

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**W**ayne was born October 17, 1948 in Portsmouth Ohio to Paul and Fayette (McCallister) Royse. When he was 11 years old the family moved to the Oceanview section of Norfolk Virginia. He attended Granby High school until 1967 when he enlisted in the Army to attend Helicopter Flight School where he graduated in April 1968 as a Warrant Officer.

Wayne served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam from May 1968-May 1969 with the 114th Assault Helicopter Company at Vinh Long in the Mekong Delta. Returning home, Wayne served as a helicopter instructor pilot at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Wayne received a commission as a First Lieutenant prior to a second tour in Vietnam from October 1971 to December 1971 at Da Nang when he was MEDEVAC'd home due to a knee injury and later stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

After leaving the Army, Wayne served briefly as a firefighter at Norfolk Naval Base and a police officer/pilot at Virginia Beach Police Department. In 1975 he became an Air Traffic Controller for the Federal Aviation Administration at Washington Air Traffic Control Center in Leesburg, Virginia until his retirement in 2002.

Wayne's main interests throughout his life were traveling, motor cycle rides across country with biker friends, and golfing with family and friends. He was also an avid reader of books by such writers as Tom Clancy, Joel Rosenberg, C.J. Box and Bible prophecy books by Tim LaHaye, Ed Hindson, and Hal Lindsey.

Since 1991 to the present time, Wayne attended Cornerstone Chapel and Christian Fellowship Church regularly. He also supported a variety of Christian and charitable organizations.

Wayne was also very invested in his family. Survivors include his wife, Christine M Royse; three children, Timothy Ashley (Tammy) of Kettering, Ohio, Cheryl Skinner (Aubrey) of Hillsboro,



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Virginia, and Anthony Royse (Sarah) of Berryville, Virginia; nine grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Wayne was happily sober for 35+ years.

The family will receive guests for a memorial visitation on Sunday August 24, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Cir. SE Leesburg, VA 20175. Wayne will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later time.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Wayne's honor to Saint Jude Children's Hospital.

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# Events


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## Memorial Visitation

 **Sunday**, August 24, 2025

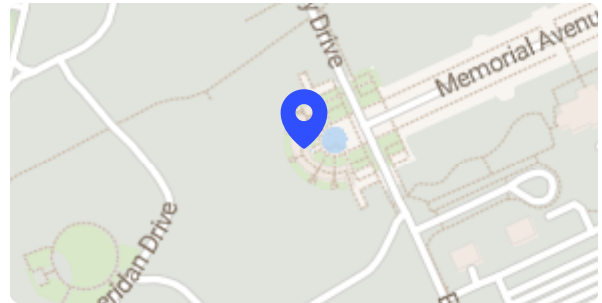
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**  
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175



## Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National Cemetery**  
1 Memorial Ave. , Arlington VA 22211





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Royse family.

August 22 at 8:23 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wayne.

August 22 at 8:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Royse family.

August 22 at 4:24 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wayne.

August 22 at 4:24 AM



**Roy M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wayne.

August 21 at 3:24 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Royse family.

August 21 at 10:48 AM





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TA

**Tim & Tammy Ashley** lit a candle in honor of Wayne.

I can't express how much we are going to miss my wonderful Father in Law. He was a comfort to everyone who was touched by him. I loved him so much. And loved whenever we could all get together. His visits to Ohio or when passing through, were so exciting. And anytime we were in Va. He will live on in his children and Grandchildren. All our love to you pop pop.

August 20 at 5:34 PM



LS

**Larry & Petra Swartzlander** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Royse family.

August 20 at 7:11 AM



SV

**Scott V.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wayne.

August 20 at 3:53 AM



JG

**Jeff Granger** sent a Serenity Wreath to the Royse family.

August 19 at 11:24 AM



JG

**Jeff Granger** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wayne.

August 19 at 11:24 AM



LW

**Love, Chuck And Cheryl Wolfe** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Royse family.

August 19 at 10:51 AM





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**The Schue Family** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Royse family.

August 19 at 7:26 AM



**The Schue Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wayne.

August 19 at 7:26 AM



**Kitty Begley** sent a virtual gift in honor of Wayne.

I have so many memories of Wayne's humor and common sense replies. He also had a great sense of direction. Many years ago, several friends and I were on a hike in the mountains. We had walked for hours and couldn't find our way back to our cars. Everyone had an opinion but Wayne was the only one who was able to lead us down out of the mountain. He was a great friend and I look forward to seeing him one day in heaven at the feet of Jesus.

August 19 at 5:23 AM





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PB

**Paula Bodner** posted:

My dear brother Wayne often flew down to St Petersburg, Fla Palms hospital and stayed in my hospital room for a week at a time which gave me so much comfort and a feeling of peace. I will always remember his love, support, and kindness his generosity to all who loved him. I will keep him forever in my heart. I love you Wayne and will miss you terribly! Until we meet again in the home of our Lord! Your loving sister Paula

August 18 at 3:57 PM

TK

**Tony Kunkle** August 23 at 3:40 AM

Wayne joined our Monday evening small Men's Group at Christian Fellowship Church more than two years ago. Wayne fit right in and was a pleasure to get to know. His Biblical knowledge, sense of humor, and life stories always kept everyone's interest as we explored God's Word. A man such as Wayne, full of life experience and wisdom, was a valued and respected member of the group. The group attended his anointing service soon after he became ill and it was quite evident Wayne had a deep faith in God as he truly wanted to be united with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. His heart, mind, and soul were ready to meet Jesus face-to-face. Wayne is already missed, but we know we will see him again. Goodbye for now brother Wayne!

MH

**Margaret Horn** August 20 at 7:51 AM

Wayne was a great brother and even better dad!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wayne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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