



Darryl Wayne Stewart

April 4, 2026

Darryl Wayne Stewart, born August 19, 1954, in Rapid City, South Dakota, lived a life defined by deep love, unwavering faith, and a presence that could light up any room.

As the son of an Air Force Master Sergeant, Wayne spent his early years traveling across the United States and abroad before his family settled in Woodbridge, Virginia, where he built the life and community he loved. In 2010, he and Sandy moved to Stafford, Virginia, continuing to grow that same sense of connection and belonging.

In 1978, Wayne met the love of his life, Sandra “Sandy” Stewart, at Bethlehem Steel. They married within months of meeting, beginning a beautiful love story that spanned 47 years. Together, they built a family and a life side by side—working hand in hand to grow a successful business and remaining united in everything they did.

Wayne was larger than life—welcoming, energetic, and unapologetically himself. He loved people deeply and had a gift for bringing them together. Whether hosting gatherings, enjoying the outdoors, or simply opening his home, Wayne made everyone feel like they belonged. He lived life fully, always ready for the next adventure and happiest when sharing it with others.

A hardworking and devoted father, Wayne raised three children—Jennifer (Steve), Amber (Frank), and Vincent (Aracely)—with strength and unwavering support. His greatest joy grew even more as “Grandpa” to his beloved grandchildren: Riley Grace, Gavin Francis, Evan Gabriel, Adrien Marie, Carsen Wayne, Mia Marie, Lucas Wayne, Calvin Luis, Isaac Donald, and Mya Adaly, each of whom he loved deeply and proudly. He was also a proud uncle to all his nieces and nephews, especially Eric Donald (Kathy) and their family.

Wayne had a lifelong love of the water, spending years boating and skiing before earning his Captain’s license and began captaining boats then upgrading to yachts all along the East Coast. He also shared a passion for fireworks, co-founding Fire in the Sky Pyrotechnics and bringing joy to countless local celebrations.

Above all, Wayne’s life was grounded in his faith. As an ordained minister, he was a man of prayer who loved teaching and sharing the message of Jesus with anyone who wanted to know more. He faithfully served others by performing weddings, leading funeral services, and offering guidance and support wherever it was needed. He lived his faith daily—through his ministry, his missionary work, and in the quiet, everyday ways he showed love, compassion, and care.

Wayne passed away peacefully on April 4, 2026. He is preceded in death by his mother, Odessa Stewart; his father, Donald Stewart; his brother, Lon Stewart; his sister, Stacey Rae Stewart; and his granddaughter, Mia Marie, who was always held close in his heart.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Sandy; his children and their spouses; and his cherished grandchildren, who will carry forward his legacy of faith, love, and joy for life.

Wayne will be remembered for the way he loved—fully and generously. He had a servant’s heart, a deep faith, and a joy for life that was contagious. He welcomed everyone, gave freely, and left a lasting mark on all who knew him.

We will be celebrating Wayne’s life on Friday, April 17, 2026.

A brief service and prayer will be held at 11:00 AM at Miller Funeral Home in Woodbridge, Virginia, followed by a procession—because he loved a good procession—to a graveside ceremony at Dumfries Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

And because Wayne never did anything halfway, we invite you to continue the celebration at Harbour View from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM—a time to share stories, laughter, and memories, just as Wayne would have wanted.

There is no better way to honor Wayne than by being together and celebrating a life so fully lived and so deeply loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wayne’s memory to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, March of Dimes, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, or the Sweet Julia Grace Foundation.

“Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord.” —
Matthew 25:23

Miller Funeral Home- 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Dumfries Cemetery- Dumfries VA

Harbour View- 13200 Marina Way Unit 101, Woodbridge, VA 22191

Previous Events

Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Graveside Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Dumfries Cemetery
17821 Mine Road
Dumfries, VA 22026

Celebration of Life

APR 17. 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harbour View
13200 Marina Way Unit 101
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Tribute Wall



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Darryl Wayne Stewart.*



April 15 at 09:56 AM



“ *Judy (Stewart) & John, Frankie & Grif purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Darryl Wayne Stewart.*



Judy (Stewart) & John, Frankie & Grif - April 14 at 11:46 AM



“ *So many great memories with Wayne. He loved his family! I know you are all going to miss him deeply. He is having a great conversation with Jesus right now, but I will be praying for your grief.*
John and Jenny Caro

Jenny Caro - April 11 at 07:34 PM



“ *Linda H. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Darryl Wayne Stewart.*



Linda H. - April 10 at 07:10 PM

GU

“ I would visit my son and family on occasion and met Wayne on one of those visits. Always stopped by and was welcomed by Wayne and Sandy. Shared a beer and talked for hours. We discussed his love for shooting on Friday nights with my son and who would bring home the biggest prize. He was a dear friend and I will miss him when I visit Stafford.

God Bless

Tom Uhle

Gloria Uhle - April 10 at 06:24 PM

DP

“ I knew Wayne for over 60 years. We saw each other infrequently over the years, but always enjoyed seeing one another. We referred to Wayne as "Mr. Haney" for his innate ability to wheel and deal with others and with life in general. I'm glad that our paths crossed and I will miss Wayne and remember him fondly. Rest in peace old friend.

David Prior - April 10 at 11:52 AM



“ I met Wayne when Bobby Connery and Jerry Allport and I would ride in his Wood Panel station wagon to Garfield. The speed the heck got a ride in the bus 😊. Garfield at that time was in the old building with split shifts. Breakfast was donuts and milk. . We also worked together at Bowl America and Bowled on the same teams. Wayne made friends easily. The last time I saw him was at my 50th class reunion for Garfield high school.

I talked with him since I was at Jerry all ports celebration of life at Wayne's house.

What struck me was how many diverse things he was involved in. He also shared with me his love for God and his joy of life he was experiencing. He will be missed by so many people.

Jim Kanala - April 09 at 09:34 PM

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“ Smiling over the memories of boating up to the Anacostia Marina to RFK, rooting on the Redskins; watching the DC fireworks from the water or the many displays his company created; his birthday or summer or New Year’s parties. We know he loved us all & sharing time together was special. May God be with your family & loved ones, as we mourn your loss in our lives. Everlasting peace brother Wayne. 🙏💕

Tamey, Shayne & Ciara Havener - April 09 at 06:17 AM

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Constant smiles from boating, on the Patomac and Lake Anna. And working together on various customers sites.
Parties at his house.
Mense enjoyment with him and his family and friends.
He will be sorely missed.
God bless you Wayne.
Peace be with you and your family during this timePrayers to his family friends.
God Speed and God Bless you Wayne.
My friend, My Brother

T. Alan Holloway - April 09 at 09:13 AM

JB

Same memories as above, lots of smiles and love
. Really enjoyed our times together and thank you for thinking of us often. What a great guy!
We hold all his family and friends in our hearts.
Bless you all,
Joleen and David Byrd

Joleen Byrd - April 09 at 02:13 PM