



Wayne G. Rasmussen

May 21, 2022

Long time Woodbridge resident and dentist Wayne Garth Rasmussen, 77, passed away at home on May 21, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Brigham City, Utah, the eldest child to Garth Bernard and Rae Petersen Rasmussen. As the child of a military family, he lived in several places in the United States, Guam, and Newfoundland. He graduated from high school in Lincoln, Nebraska; attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah; and returned to Lincoln to earn his doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry. Wayne had a rewarding career practicing dentistry for 39 years, 35 of which were in northern Virginia. Throughout his career he found great satisfaction working with his staff and patients.

Wayne married the love of his life, Susan Hatch, in 1968. Their union was blessed with six children: Debbie, Brett, Angela, Ben, Kevin, and Janna.

Foundational to Wayne's life was a profound religious faith. As a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served a mission in Argentina as a young man. Throughout his life, he held many positions of service and leadership. Later in life, he and Susan served a mission in the Santiago, Chile Temple.

Wayne lead a life of optimism, playfulness, and good humor. He loved music and often whistled or sang to himself or to anyone present. He sang in and

conducted choirs, played guitar and banjo, wrote songs for his family, and helped to instill an enduring love of music in each of his children. He loved to learn, read, travel, and experience as much of life as he could. He was adventurous and enjoyed skiing, scuba diving, boating, and flying small planes. He delighted in these things most when he did them with those he loved.

All knew Wayne as a kind, loving, and steady man. He saw the best in others, accepted them as they were, and experienced joy and pride seeing them succeed.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Garth and Rae; his daughter Angela; and his granddaughter Melinda Bastian. He is survived by his wife, Susan; children Debbie Roderick (Kevin), Brett Rasmussen, Ben Rasmussen (Cyndi), Kevin Rasmussen, and Janna Emanuel (Michael); siblings Steve Rasmussen (Verona), Cheya Weber (Myke), Mark Rasmussen, Susan Merrell, Shaneen Mangum, and Greg Rasmussen (Jenni Lou); 11 grandchildren; 5 greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who adored him.

He once wrote, "Life is fullest when there is love expressed and received." By his own definition, Wayne's life was full.

The family will receive visitors Sunday, May 29, 2022 from 5-7PM at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10AM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3718 Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge. Interment will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Bacon Race Cemetery at 11AM.

Cemetery Details

Dumfries Cemetery

17821 Mine Road
Dumfries, VA 22026

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
3718 Old Bridge Road
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Graveside Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bacon Race Cemetery
5213 Davis Ford Road
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Tribute Wall



“ I suspect my sweetheart, Anna, was there to greet you when you arrived on her side of the veil. What a great friendship we had, you, Susan, Anna and I. You were always a great example to me of how to treat others - as neighbors, church members, and in the work place.

Mike St. Clair - May 12 at 01:27 PM



“ Wayne G. Rasmussen

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne G. Rasmussen.



May 28, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Wayne G. Rasmussen.



May 26, 2022 at 12:04 PM

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“ *Virginia lit a candle in memory of Wayne G. Rasmussen*



Virginia - May 26, 2022 at 10:37 AM

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Wayne, I don't know how to start, but I know you will help me as you did for so many years.

I carried Ben in my arms as a baby for my interview. Then you hired me and on my first day of work I had to tell you that I just found out I was pregnant again with Rachel. I was mortified to tell you that and thought you might let me go. But instead you congratulated me for being pregnant...at that time I was clueless of the Mormon church.

You taught me more about dentistry that I never knew and how to relate to patients. You taught me generosity to others. But the most important thing you taught me was about Christ and everlasting life. I would have never gotten there if it wasn't for you. So many times sitting in your office at lunch, after work, and occasionally at you home to figure out things that were happening to me. You even agreed to take my family and our rotten dog Bridger to a safe place because I knew my family was in harms way. Who would do that for someone, and I wasn't even working for you at that time. Only you believed in me.

You let me take a total of 12 weeks off the year that Judy died. It wasn't all at the same time, and the two blessings you gave to her when she was dying at the hospital were beautiful. My family will never forget them.

I owe my spiritual life to you. I saved you from your MI, but you saved the best of me. I will live on forever because of you.

My kids loved coming to your office on snow days because they always knew you had treats for them and a big treasure chests to pick something out of.

You let me decorate my room and not I interfere with what I chose. You were kind and considerate to everyone. And that's another thing you taught me. And you were my dad to help me throw things. You taught me how to listen to Christ, that was the best thing ever.

I'm so happy you are In Heaven, I can't wait to see you there. I will have your favorite pizza ready for you. Until then, have the time of your life. Kiss Melinda, Judy and my mom, but I know you already have.

I love you and our family will never forget you. I have 3 grandchildren from Ben. Wyatt (6), Tyler (4) and sweet baby Zoey (7 months). Rachel is married, but no children at this time.

sandie Brosh - May 30, 2022 at 07:33 AM