



Wayne Lowery Abercrombie

May 31, 1945 - August 26, 2023

Wayne Lowery Abercrombie, a beloved husband, father, and esteemed member of the community, passed away on August 26, 2023, at his residence in Mooresville, NC, at the age of 78. He was born on May 31, 1945, in Seneca, SC, to Raymond Abercrombie and Mildred Lowery Abercrombie.

Wayne led a life filled with passionate pursuits and unwavering dedication. Graduating with a Master's Degree, he embarked on a successful career as an archaeologist and owner of Archeological Explorations and Excavations. His work took him to various historical sites, where he made significant contributions, including the Wilkinson Native American site, Henry Clay's Homestead, and the first European settlement in the interior of North America, Fort San Juan.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Wayne had a strong devotion to his faith. He served Southside Baptist Church as a Trustee and actively participated in several committees. He showed his faith by doing his best to live like Jesus, trying to love everyone he met.

Wayne cherished his relationships with family and friends. He found joy in spending time with loved ones, whether it be engaging in lively conversations, embarking on adventures, or simply enjoying peaceful moments together. His infectious sense of humor, genuine kindness and sharing nature, endeared

him to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A proud veteran, Wayne served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War as a Sergeant (E-5) with Lucky's Raiders. His bravery and sacrifice were acknowledged with the Purple Heart Award. Wayne enjoyed sharing his experiences at Richard's Coffee Shop with his buddies every Thursday morning. His story of "The Snake" was featured in a book written by the group.

In his free time, Wayne indulged in his hobbies of traveling, rock hunting, and collecting Native American artifacts. He especially treasured his Louisiana heritage, relishing in hunting, fishing, and creating lasting memories with his friends and family.

Wayne is survived by his loving spouse of 55 years, Ellen Abercrombie of Mooresville; his devoted daughters, Emily Herrero (Juan) of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and Elizabeth (Libbie) Griffin (Archie) of Indian Trail, NC; and his cherished granddaughter, Maggie Griffin. He is also survived by his brother, David Abercrombie of Rogers, Arkansas, and sister, Brenda Abercrombie of Houston, Texas. He was predeceased by his brothers, Danny, Ray, Robert, and Paul Abercrombie, as well as his parents, Mildred Lowery Abercrombie and Raymond Orr Abercrombie.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Wayne Lowery Abercrombie's life will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 2 PM with full military honors followed by the service at Southside Baptist Church, located at 525 S. Broad Street, Mooresville, NC 28115. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall.

In memory of Wayne's love for his Louisiana heritage, the family kindly requests that donations be made to The Union Museum of History and Art, 211 N. Main Street, Farmerville, La 71241. Contributions in Wayne's honor

can also be directed to Southside Baptist Church.

Wayne Lowery Abercrombie will forever be remembered for his unwavering spirit, his unwavering dedication to preserving history, and his unwavering love for his family. May his legacy continue to inspire all those who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Southside Baptist Church
525 South Broad Street
Mooresville, NC 28115

Receiving Friends

AUG 30. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ We were so blessed to call Wayne our friend for so many years. We are thankful for all the memories we have shared. Words can't express the sorrow we feel for his family's loss or for the loss of all the many people whose lives he touched. We look forward to being reunited with him some day. Thanks for sharing him with us. Love, Joyce and Don

joyce darling - September 11, 2023 at 08:25 PM

TV

“ So happy to hear how well and full Wayne's life was, after Vietnam. He very obviously was loved and cherished by his wife, family and friends. From a fellow Marine who served with him, rest easy and God bless you and yours, Wayne. Semper Fi.

Timothy Votaw - August 28, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Lowery Abercrombie.



August 28, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wayne Lowery Abercrombie.



August 28, 2023 at 11:15 AM

MC

“ You can say volumes about Wayne!!
He was so full life and love of Life!
He could always make you smile.
He was kind and smart. He married a remarkable woman, Ellen.
She grounded Wayne. She was Wayne's soulmate.
We will miss Wayne. He is in Heaven smiling
down on us. We will see you again. Do you have fish fries in
Heaven?❤️
Our love and prayers go out to Ellen, Libby, Emily and Maggie.
Wayne was our hero❤️

Marty and Ron Champney - August 28, 2023 at 11:01 AM

SB

Sending hugs to you, Ellen and your girls. I enjoyed hearing about Wayne and his exploits. It was a pleasure to be introduced to him. And, yes, he was quite a fellow.

Susan Brooks - August 28, 2023 at 01:19 PM

JE

Wayne was one of my cherished friends. He always had a smile. His wealth of knowledge always fascinated me. I will see him again in heaven. God be with his family in this time of mourning. He will be greatly missed.

Jewell - August 28, 2023 at 02:03 PM

TT

“ Wayne was always a kind man with a smile on his face, and always spoke to you, He kept us laughing in S.S. Class at times when he would tell us different stories of his life. Wayne was a Godly man and loved his Family, Wayne will be missed. Love and prayers to Ellen and Family.



Teresa Thompson - August 27, 2023 at 09:31 PM

JW

“ I sat beside Mr. Wayne's spot in the balcony this morning. I looked over and smiled thinking he's now seeing what his faith believed all these yrs. I would get so tickled when he'd tell me stories bc he'd get so passionate about whatever we were talking about. The joy he got introducing me to various types of rocks. Every Sunday he'd say I come by to get my hug and flash that big ol smile of his. I truly will miss him but know he had plenty of family and friends waiting to greet him. Rest well bud!!!! We'll take good care of Ellen for you. Love you!

Joann Wozny - August 27, 2023 at 09:23 PM

CR

“ We have known Wayne for over 50 years. It was a true honor and pleasure to have had him as a part of our lives. Our lives will never be the same without him. Rest in peace dear friend 🙏

Cherryl and Frank Rose - August 27, 2023 at 09:06 PM

RM

“ Wayne was a treasured member of the Happy Table group at Richard's Coffee Shop in Mooresville. The veterans there would often ask Wayne to retell the story of the snake he encountered in Vietnam (aptly described by Wayne in the book titled *Stories of War and Conflict* - available at Richard's). That snake got bigger and bigger with each telling of the story. The Happy Table just won't be the same without our dear friend Wayne.

*Lt. Robert Mills
U. S. Army*

Robert Mills - August 27, 2023 at 05:55 PM

TN

“ *Great friend, Brother in Christ, Veteran Brother, comic (always had us laughing and smiling) and a joy to be around. No more pain or suffering - my Brother's home. Praying for family.*

Tom Nixon - August 27, 2023 at 05:41 PM