



Earl Wayne Tillman

November 22, 1947 - July 23, 2024

Earl Wayne Tillman, 76, of Crystal Springs, passed from his earthly body to his heavenly home with his Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. Visitation will be Saturday July 27th, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Stringer Family Funeral home in Crystal Springs. The Service will be at 2:00 pm at Stringer Family Chapel with Burial at Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery (4088 Antioch Rd., Hazlehurst, MS).

Wayne was born November 22, 1947 in Hazlehurst, MS, and died on July 23, 2024, at Mississippi Baptist Medical center in Jackson, MS surrounded by his family. He was a lifelong resident of Covich County. Wayne graduated from Hazlehurst High school in 1967 and married his high school sweetheart, Emma Lee Barlow Tillman, celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary July 1st. He served four years in the United States Navy as a Petty Officer 3rd class. After leaving the military he worked for TL James Construction for a number of years. Wayne spent the majority of his life as a long haul truck driver where he retired from Wal-Mart Distribution after 29 years. He spent retirement fishing with his friends, enjoying time with his "breakfast club" at McDonald's; but, most of all he enjoyed spoiling his daughter, grandchildren, and spending time with his family.

Wayne felt God's calling to help those in need and often he would intentionally spend time at gas stations, grocery stores, and the like looking for

opportunities to buy groceries, gas, etc. for those in need. Wayne's generosity was known by few but felt by many.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife, Emma Lee Barlow Tillman, his daughter, Misti Tillman Smith and husband Alan; grandchildren, Sydney, Reagan and Cole Smith of Cumming, Georgia. Other family members include; Brother-in-Law, Bruce Carraway, Sisters in law, Edna Bounds (Andy), Charlotte Farthing, Dorothy Walker, Mary Roberts (Jerry), Patsy Burks (Smitty) and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. As many know, Wayne never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle Earl Tillman, Lanell Young Woods and Bob Woods (Stepfather); his sister, Donna Tillman Carraway; grandparents, John and Trixye Tillman of Crystal Springs, Fred and Kizzie Mae Young of Hazlehurst.

Pallbearers are Terry Channell, Jimmy Channell, Nick DeNardo, Ricky Williams, Don Howard and Jody Thompson.

Honorary pallbearers are Bruce Caraway, Mike Sims, Charlie Sullivan, Don Taylor, Robert Sims and Steve Spence.

In lieu of flowers or donations to charity, the family requests that when you see someone in need, think of Wayne and pay it forward.

You may watch the funeral service here: <https://youtube.com/live/s9pXWdfJ6r4?feature=share>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
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Funeral Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl Wayne Tillman*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - July 26, 2024 at 07:59 PM



“ *130 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - July 26, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ *Wheeler and the team at Merrill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl Wayne Tillman.*

Wheeler and the team at Merrill - July 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Earl Wayne Tillman.*



July 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Ed and Elaine Gleeson and Sarah Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl Wayne Tillman.*

Ed and Elaine Gleeson and Sarah Smith - July 25, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ *Ed and Elaine Gleeson and Sarah Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Earl Wayne Tillman.*



Ed and Elaine Gleeson and Sarah Smith - July 25, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ *Love, All your Smith family in Georgia purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Earl Wayne Tillman.*



Love, All your Smith family in Georgia - July 25, 2024 at 08:27 AM

LF

“ Lil' Bob & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Earl Wayne Tillman.



Lil' Bob & family - July 25, 2024 at 07:43 AM

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DW

“ Wayne was a good friend and a good man. I enjoyed our conversations about fishing and our faith in Christ. I'm praying for his family God's comfort, peace and grace.

dr stan Weatherford - July 24, 2024 at 04:55 PM

LP

“ Larry and Beverly Peoples purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Earl Wayne Tillman.



Larry and Beverly Peoples - July 24, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ *Love and Prayers....John 14*

Sandra Cliburn



Sandra Cliburn - July 24, 2024 at 03:00 PM

PS

“ *Pope & Lisa Huff & Seibukan-Hattiesburg purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earl Wayne Tillman.*



Pope & Lisa Huff & Seibukan-Hattiesburg - July 24, 2024 at 02:59 PM