



Steven Eugene Wade

June 6, 1964 - August 26, 2022

Steven Eugene Wade, 58, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away on August 26, 2022. Known by his loved ones as Steve, he was born on June 6, 1964, to Jack and Donna Wade in Mt. Grove, Missouri. Steve retired as a Sergeant Major from the Army after 22 years of service. During his impressive tenure, Steve served in various roles within the special operations community to include special forces and special missions' unit. He was deployed to various regions all over the world to include the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Central and South America, and Europe. From there, he co-founded a successful defense contracting company called Silverback7. After selling the company, Steve enjoyed his second retirement. He liked traveling, fishing, and was an avid botanist. He maintained an impressive bonsai collection. Steve also had the joy of recently becoming a grandpa, to whom he lovingly called "Frankie G".

After a hard fight with cancer, Steve passed in the comfort of his own home with his wife and his 2 dogs, Ruby and Dublin, by his side. He is survived by his wife, Erika K. Hampton, his daughter Alexandra and son-in-law David, his son Bryce, his daughter-in-law Kara, and granddaughter Frances; his daughter Chloe, his mother Donna Carlson, and his sister Tina Conyers. Steve's father, Jack L. Wade, pre-deceased him.

A memorial service will be held for Steven at 11:00 AM on Saturday,

September 10, 2022 at Pierce Funeral Home Chapel (9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia 20110). Burial with full military honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date, to be determined.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Steven Eugene Wade*



Pierce Funeral Home - September 09, 2022 at 09:03 AM

MM

“ *Rest in peace Steve. We met Steve in about 1992 when he was assigned to the same ODA 194. He was seasoned, I was new. The first time we did physical training together I ran faster than him. He looked at me and smiled and said "I'm a bit out of shape right now, but that won't happen for much longer" and it didn't :) Most of my memories are of us in the field, war games in Thailand, test jumping the then new C-17. We spent a lot of time together over those years in 1st Group and Steve's stories of what he'd done in Okinawa set my professional goals. I admired him and wanted to emulate him. a few year later our paths crossed again, by then he was a SGM and again provided me guidance and wisdom. When Steve retired and started Silverback 7 My wife Donna went to work for him and was with them until they sold in 2018. Our children played together, we ate, drank, told stories and laughed together. We will both miss him very much.*

Mike & Donna Malcolm - September 10, 2022 at 11:36 AM

KB

“ Steve and I grew up in a time when cousins were as close as siblings. We lived only a mile from each other and only a couple months difference in age. He probably spent more time at my house than he did his own. We became really close in our teen years. We spent most of our teen years together. We had a lot of fun times and some not so fun times. I was there to console (or maybe make fun of him) homecoming night when he broke his collar bone at football game and was going to have to stand up his date for the dance (which he said was the prettiest girl around at that time). I will not forget the day he came and told me, him and Pat joined the army under the buddy program. I asked him why he did such a stupid thing. He said, "I know there will be a war in my lifetime and I want to be prepared." I said goodbye a short time after that to that country boy. He came back a man with a purpose. We still had many laughs after that but our lives changed and we moved on. The last time I talked to Steve I asked him if he would still join the army knowing the outcome. He said, "yes, the army has been good to me."

Kim Burnes - September 10, 2022 at 07:57 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



September 08, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



September 08, 2022 at 03:23 PM



“ Back in 1985 I was assigned to A-184(MFF) as Team Sergeant and I had inherited a very young team of SF soldiers in which a majority of them fresh out of training.

I called them my “Bad Boys” they were driven to do what best for the team.

I remember Steve the most, maybe because he had a nack at the start of getting into trouble at most than my other young ones.

But Steve never fail me when I or the team need him the most.

I shall miss his steady smile, and his mischief looks, his loyalty to his brothers on the team.

When I arrived in Okinawa, I was touch that he asked me to joined my Team once again on A-136.

By that time he was older, a senior NCO and a lot more polish in his skills and professionalism.

Of course I took him in again in a heartbeat and anytime he wanted to be with me.

God be with you Steve, until we meet again.



SGM(R) Rodolfo “Rudy” Teodosio - September 08, 2022 at 01:30 PM

SU

“ SFODA184(MFF)“Bad Boys” “Laging Una” purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



SFODA184(MFF)“Bad Boys” “Laging Una” - September 08, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



September 08, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



September 07, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



September 07, 2022 at 12:06 PM

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“ I've been trying to find the words to say but they seem to escape me. It was an honor to work with Steve during my time at Silverback7. He was always kind and very generous to me. He gave me opportunities to learn and grow and although he was an executive, he always made me feel like his equal. I will forever be in debt to him.

Erika and family, please know that you are in my prayers. I pray that God comforts you all during your time of bereavement. Peace & Blessings.

Melissa Langley (Gaillard) - September 07, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



September 06, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



September 06, 2022 at 01:55 PM

DR

“ Steve,

I just wanted to say how much I miss you. The feeling of heartache and loss has been profound, but I'm glad you're no longer in pain.

I'm so thankful for the memories of you that I'll forever hold close. I know I told you some of this last time we talked, but I just wanted to remind you that I've never liked the term "in law". To me, family is family. I want you to know I have always and will always look at you as a "real" father. I have real honest-to-god love for you and I've learned a lot from you over the years. You're a good man and I've always looked up to you. It would be impossible to list all the things that I've learned from you but on the short list would be the true meaning of Patience, Perseverance, Loyalty, and generally always Doing the Right Thing for your family and the people who depend on you, no matter how difficult the process might be.

I do know you're in a better place now, pain free, looking down at us all smiling. We will do our best to live our lives in your honor and to make you proud.

I know we will surely see you again someday, but until then I'd like to leave you with a quote from one of my favorite movies; analogous to someone being freed from pain/prison:

"I have to remind myself that some birds aren't meant to be caged. Their feathers are just too bright.

And when they fly away, the part of you that knows it was a sin to lock them up does rejoice.

Still, the place you live in is that much more drab and empty that they're gone.

I guess I just miss my friend."

I love you Steve.

Dave



David Recker - September 06, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.*



September 06, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *I met Steve in Q Course (1984), we served together in Signal Company. I even got to spend a week or two with him at home in the hills and at the "bar". We served in Okinawa on the same team. Our paths crossed at various times after his DLI course. It has been a long time since we got together. My condolences to his wife, the family and children. He was a great room mate, and team mate. De Oppresso Liber my friend. Kelly*

Kelly Frandsen - September 03, 2022 at 01:28 PM

TF

“ *This is devastating news. Met Steve a DLI in Monterey in 1989 and we remained friends ever since. Please know we are thinking and praying for all the entire Wade Family; Erika, Alexis, Bryce, and Chloe.*



The Howe Family - September 01, 2022 at 09:19 PM

MO

“ *My condolences to the family. We worked together and I remember visiting him. He will be missed very much.*

Mo - September 01, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.*



September 01, 2022 at 09:11 AM

RC

“ *I feel your pain Donna. So sorry to hear this.*

Ruth Fish Collins - August 31, 2022 at 11:59 AM

ER

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Erika - August 31, 2022 at 06:17 AM

GI

“ Condolences to the family, this is heartbreaking. Steve was a great guy and touched so many. This picture was taken 1 year ago, 8/31/21. Great memories!



Gina - August 30, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



August 30, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Steven Eugene Wade.



August 30, 2022 at 01:55 PM