



## William Laverne Gwaltney

October 31, 1931 - June 10, 2024

William "Laverne" Gwaltney, age 92, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 10, 2024 in Fairfax, VA. Beloved husband of 70 years to Lillian Gwaltney; devoted Father of Stephen Gwaltney, Nathan Gwaltney (Laurie Gwaltney), and Ellen Norris (Robert Norris); loving grandfather to Jessica Batzer, Melissa Trout (Chris Trout), Ryan Gwaltney (Morgan Gwaltney), Ashley Powers (Steven Powers), Christie McCrea (James McCrea), and Nathan Gwaltney, as well as his 12 great-grandchildren.

Laverne was born and spent his childhood years in Fairfax, Virginia. There, he met his wife, Lillian. Laverne was a talented self-taught violinist (his "fiddle," as he referred to it). He loved to play a variety of music, but his passion was for classical music and violin concertos. In his early years, Laverne performed live on the radio in Arlington, Virginia. Professionally, Laverne worked as a drywall finisher across the Washington metropolitan area until his retirement.

As an avid fisherman, Laverne particularly enjoyed fishing for trout in the scenic streams of Virginia. Additionally, he enjoyed gardening. Known for his gentle and kind demeanor, Laverne was regarded as a true gentleman by all who knew him. He enjoyed being in the company of family and friends talking and sharing laughter. His contagious laugh brought joy to those around him. He was adored by his family.

Of greatest importance to him was his faith and the Bible based hope of living forever on a paradise earth. Even if he should pass away prior to seeing that promise being fulfilled he was confident about the future (Psalms 37:11 and Acts 24:15}.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA on Saturday, June 22nd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. (9609 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110).

A memorial Service will be given at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Saturday, July 6th at 4:30 p.m. (3701 Jermantown Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Gwaltney was a dear man. We only spoke a few times, in my search for a family, but he was kind, open-minded, and a great help. I am sure he is missed.*

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**Sherrie Kappa** - April 24, 2025 at 07:11 PM

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“ *Uncle was the most selfless person I've ever known. I am so sorry to hear the news of his passing. I so happy to have met him. Patti*



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**Patti McArdell** - April 24, 2025 at 03:40 PM

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“ *Jan Bayne & Susan Shackelford purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Laverne Gwaltney.*



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**Jan Bayne & Susan Shackelford** - June 20, 2024 at 08:02 PM

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“ *Jan Bayne & Susan Shackelford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Laverne Gwaltney.*

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**Jan Bayne & Susan Shackelford** - June 20, 2024 at 08:02 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss Sis, Steve, Ellen and Nathan. Fond memories of growing up with your family. Laverne always had a smile on his face and was always ready to share a joke or two. He played the violin so well and I remember him playing at the Assemblies as well as on the Makely DeBusk front porch at the Congregation gatherings. He was the most loving Brother. I look forward to seeing him again soon. Love Always Fern:)

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**Fern Yost** - June 18, 2024 at 03:47 PM