



Joseph Wayne Traylor Jr.

January 12, 1944 - August 23, 2025

Joseph Wayne Traylor, Jr. (Wayne), age 81, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2025.

Wayne was born January 12, 1944, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and grew up in Ashland,

Virginia. He lived in Birmingham, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph

Wayne Traylor, Sr. and his mother, Mathilde Kruse Traylor. He leaves behind his sister,

Carol Traylor Ingram, his brother and sister-in-law, Alfred (Susan) Traylor; children Jim

Traylor, Chris (Wendy) Traylor, and Candice Traylor (Chris) Carlisle ; grandchildren Jesslyn

Traylor and Angel Blair-Traylor; great-grandchildren Scarlett and Camden Forsythe; and a

host of family and friends.

Wayne served in the Air Force in Vietnam, where he earned the Bronze Star for meritorious

service. During his 20 years of service, he was a Weather Equipment Technician and then

an agent with the Office of Special Investigations, where he served on security details for

three U.S. Presidents. He also earned the Air Force Commendation medal.

While he was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, Wayne was ordained as a Baptist minister.

After retiring, he and his family moved to Alabama where he was the Pastor of First Baptist

Church of West Blocton. He then became the Director of Missions for Bibb Baptist

Association. Wayne also served as a Chaplain for the Bibb County Sheriff Department and

Alabama State Troopers and volunteered his time assisting emergency management

agencies as a weather observer and helping with storm recovery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Disabled American Veterans at

<https://help.dav.org/page/52572/donate/1>

Cemetery Details

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Alabama 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home
4780 Letson Farms Parkway
Mc Calla, AL 35111
(205) 477-4888
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Committal Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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We will be leaving from the funeral home at 1:00 PM with Alabama State Troopers escorting the procession to the cemetery

Tribute Wall

BG

“ Mr. Traylor was a very good friend of mine. We met when I started working at Somerby part time at the front desk, and yes I still called him Mr. Traylor years later, out of respect, not only was he there for me as a friend with sage advice he was like a father figure looking out for me, making sure my car enough air in the tires and checking on me at least every other day. I’m going to miss the “good morning” texts and the funny memes. He had a beautiful military send off, the loud shots of the rifles, the folding and presenting of the American flag, the Taps and releasing of the White doves. Just Beautiful!!! As much as I wanted to speak at his Memorial service, my fear of public speaking took over, and I regret that. He was a good man. So very intelligent, kind, helpful in every way. He was very much a “by the book” type of person but he also had a sense of humor. I miss him already. I lost a friend and a father figure but I’m so happy he is out of pain and he’s with Jesus. Love and miss you Mr Traylor.
Becky Gann

Becky Gann - August 28, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ A good neighbor for us. Would talk about your ills, encourage you, but never complain about his own pains. Our family will miss him.



Hugh Shaw - August 26, 2025 at 07:04 PM

KG

A wonderful man who served his country well. Loved his friends and family. He truly will be missed as a bright welcome as you entered Somerby. We love you Wayne. Gayle's and Zicarelli's

Kim Gayle - August 27, 2025 at 10:38 AM

GM

I am truly sorry for your loss. I have great memories of Wayne. Take comfort knowing he is healed and with our Lord and Savior. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Gerri Miller - August 29, 2025 at 11:48 AM