



Mr. Willie Efird Rhyne

November 11, 1947 - August 14, 2024

Willie E. Rhyne, age 76, of McDonough, Georgia, passed away on Wednesday, August 14. A devoted member of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Willie will be remembered for his deep faith and commitment to his church community. He was a 1965 Graduate of Mt. Holly High School in Mt. Holly, N.C. and was proud of leading the 1963 football team to the State Championship, a record that hasn't been broken since. Willie served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War, 1969-1971, and was discharged with a rank of E4. He served on the Airport Ministry at Hartsfield International Airport for 15 years where he led countless soldiers to Christ. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Ruby Rhyne; his brother, Edward Johnson Rhyne; and his step-son, Robert Womack. Willie is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Rhyne; his daughter, Melanie (Michael) Rhyne Harte of Mt. Holly; his step-daughter, Salena Womack Turner of Hampton; his grandchildren, Christopher Harte and Jessica Harte, both of Mt. Holly; and his step-grandchildren, Tyler Woods and Austin Woods. He is also fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, and friends. A funeral service will be held at 12:30 PM on Saturday, August 24, at First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, with Rev. Allen Davis and Dr. Lanny Loe officiating. The family will receive friends at the church starting at 11:00 AM on the same day. A graveside service will follow on Sunday, August 25, at 3:00 PM at Hillcrest Gardens Cemetery, 1508 Charles Raper Jonas Hwy, Mt. Holly, NC 28120, where he will be laid to rest. In lieu of flowers, the family request a Memorial Donation to your favorite Veterans Organization in

Memory of Willie E. Rhyne.

Link to view his service. <https://vimeo.com/event/4518696>

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Gardens Cemetery

1508 Charles Raper Jones Hwy
Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Previous Events

Receive Friends

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of First Baptist Church Jonesboro
147 Church Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Funeral Service

AUG **24**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

AUG **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Gardens Cemetery
1508 Charles Raper Jones Hwy
Mt. Holly, NC 28120

Tribute Wall

SD

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Sheree Davis - August 23, 2024 at 11:14 PM

SD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Sheree Davis - August 23, 2024 at 09:37 PM

LG

“ Love, Fangman and the girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Willie Efird Rhyne.



Love, Fangman and the girls - August 23, 2024 at 12:28 PM

CW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chanel Williams - August 21, 2024 at 08:28 PM

CW

“ Many Happy Memories shared with Willie and Barbara. A Gift and Blessing From God. Our Hearts are sadden, yet we can rejoice KNOWING Willie is rejoicing in Heaven. We know we will see Willie again, when we arrive in Heaven. Praying for Barbara and Family. May You Feel God's Loving Arms Holding You Close to HIS HEART. Love, Chanel and Dan Williams

Chanel Williams - August 21, 2024 at 08:24 PM

JB

“ You will be missed my friend. We had some great times together. My entire family loves you and Barbara. You will forever live in my heart. John Bushee and family in Ohio.

John Bushee - August 20, 2024 at 10:29 AM

DM

“ Dean And Juanita Mullett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Efird Rhyne



Dean and Juanita Mullett - August 17, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JD

“ Our hearts are still saddened by losing you our dear friend. We treasured the time spent with you and barb on July 23rd. We know you are In heaven with your mom dad and brother. May you lay in eternal rest with god. We pray that one day we will be with you if it's in God's plan. Thank you for all the lives you touched as a good Christian veteran man. We know you touched many lives. Our hearts will never be the same. Miss you always Judy demko and john wieczorek (wiz)

Judy Demko - August 16, 2024 at 02:48 PM

LR

“ Buddy was a true friend to each of us in the Mount Holly class if 1965. He always had wit, a sincere smile and was so free to share his love of Jesus with us. He always travelled to as many of our functions that he could attend. He will truly be missed. We have lost one of our special classmates that held a special place in our hearts. Until we see you again, we love you still
Lancy Rhyne

Lancy Rhyne - August 15, 2024 at 03:42 PM

SD

“ Willie was a great "soul winner, " rare in this day and time. Just a good Christian man. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Ps.116:15

Sam Davis - August 15, 2024 at 02:03 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Salena Turner - August 15, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JD

“ Willie was one of the kindest, tender-hearted and thoughtful men I've ever known. So faithful and consistent in his walk with our Lord. He was more than a neighbor to our daughter-in-law. He was family to her. He was loved. He will be missed. Love and prayers to Barbara and family.

Judy Davis - August 15, 2024 at 11:59 AM

SD

“ 1 file added to the album Willie



Sheree Davis - August 15, 2024 at 11:55 AM

SW

“ Willie Efird was a good friend to many of us Hawks. He was a great pal away from the school as well. We all loved him and his family. May God's blessings be upon his family. Go rest easy fellow SQUID !!!!

Shannon Williams - August 14, 2024 at 10:09 PM

KA

“ Sending prayers for all of Willie’s family. I was Willie’s dental hygienist for the past few years. He was the patient that I always was excited to see on the schedule. Willie always had the BEST jokes!!
RIP my friend.....

Karen - August 14, 2024 at 06:18 PM

CF

I’m so very sorry to hear about Buddy’s passing. His family was a good friend to my family. Ruby worked in my mom’s florist for many years. They were like family. May Gods wrap His loving arms around each of you and give you peace!

Carol Featherstone - August 15, 2024 at 01:09 AM

CM

*It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to a dear, dear friend. I'm sure our Lord himself was standing there to welcome him home but he will be sorely missed here. May our Lord give all the family the peace that only He can give.
Rodger and Carlotta*

Carlotta Monningh - August 15, 2024 at 11:26 AM

SD

Willie's jokes are legendary! His love for Jesus and sharing God's love and a laugh with anyone in his presence was his mission. I consider myself so blessed to have been his next door neighbor and friend for so many years and welcomed into his family. My life was better because Willie was in it, and anyone who knew him would say the same. May God sustain Barbara, Melanie and the entire family with His comfort and love.

Sheree Davis - August 15, 2024 at 11:40 AM

RY

Our condolences to the family of our good friend, Willie Rhyne. Willie attended many of our USS Bushnell reunions over the years. It was always a real joy to see him and get to enjoy his jokes and stories. He was a great guy and so much fun to be around. On behalf of the USS Bushnell reunion members who knew him, we say "Fair winds and following seas" my friend.

*Richard Yarman
USS Bushnell Reunion*

Richard Yarman - August 16, 2024 at 03:34 PM