



Jeffrey Wayne Garst

July 12, 1958 - April 11, 2022

To know Wayne was to know a friend. Wayne lived a full life full of adventure.

Wayne could always be seen doing something, whether it was working with the fire department, entertaining the audiences at auctions or working outside on his many projects. Wayne's true passion was his time with the fire department and helping people. He truly loved his career and even retirement didn't stop him from still running fire calls. "Fireman Wayne" leaves a legacy of fire prevention and has made this community a much safer place to live.

It was apparent to anyone who knew Wayne that his family was his pride and joy. He was always the leader when organizing family gatherings with home made ice cream or a game night where he would play dominoes, spades or Farkle as long as someone else stayed up playing. Wayne is his family's ace of spades, he was always a winner. His two daughters, Emily and Katie, were his pride and joy. He was so proud of all they have accomplished over the years and what wonderful women they have become. He was looking forward to gaining John as a son when Emily marries him later this year. Wayne met his true love, Alison, later in life but that didn't stop them from making the most of life. They had a joyous 8 years together and made it official in Oct of 2021. With this joyous union he also gained three additional children, Connor, Vickie and Vickie's husband, Matt. He truly thought of all of them as his own. Wayne's family meant everything to him.

He is survived by his wife, Alison Garst, daughters, Emily Garst (John Tedesco) and Katie Prewitt, step-children, Vickie Foy (Matt) and Connor York, his mother, Mary Frances Garst, sisters, Libby Heinemann and Mary Hendrickson, brother, Jerry Garst and nieces, Morgan, Kellie, Leslie, Lindsay and Kari along with numerous great nephews and one great niece. He was preceded in death by his father, Don Allen Garst. As we all know Wayne spent his whole life helping people, Wayne will continue to save lives through the gift of organ donation. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Blacksburg Fire Department P.O. Box 159 Blacksburg, Va. 24063.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 15, 2022 at 11:00 am in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Tommy McDearis officiating. Interment will follow in the Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley. The family will receive friends Thursday from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley

2551 N. MAIN ST.
BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Funeral Service

APR **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ To the Garst Family -

It saddened me when I learned from my father of Wayne's passing. It's been a lot of years since we have seen each other, and I remember all of you fondly and always think of us as my "little Airport Road family." Please accept my sincerest condolences during your time of grief.

Karin (Webb) McDaniel

Karin McDaniel - April 20, 2022 at 11:19 AM

SN

“ To the Garst Family,
Fireman Wayne was a wonderful man. I remember him fondly coming to Harding Avenue Elementary and talking about fire safety with my students. Always greeted me with a smile whenever I saw him in Blacksburg. My prayers are with you all at this time.

*Sharon Newberne
Blacksburg, Va.*

Sharon Newberne - April 16, 2022 at 05:24 PM

MS

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Wayne. I knew him when I worked in downtown Blacksburg. He was always kind and funny and full of happiness. My condolences go out to his mom, Frances, and his entire family as well as his many friends. May his memory be a blessing.*

Millie Saul - April 16, 2022 at 02:09 PM

WB

“ With deepest sympathy to Wayne's family and friends. Keeping everyone in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed seeing and talking to him at the auctions.

Wesley Bush - April 15, 2022 at 07:00 PM

CO

“ I wanted to send my most sincere condolences to Wayne's Family. I knew Wayne for a very long time. Wayne was a great guy always ready to help any way he could.
RIP Wayne

Clifford Orange - April 14, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.



April 14, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.



April 14, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.*



April 14, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *When my sister and I started working with Don and Frances on Saturday morning giving educational test they became good friends and we started doing many things together and meet and became good friends with their children. Wayne made us feel welcome when ever we came for cookouts, etc. with the Garst family. He was always helping others and helping his family. He will be missed by his many friends and especially his family. Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of grief and loss.*

Janet Wimmer - April 14, 2022 at 08:26 AM



Wayne will always be remembered by us as he teased us when auctioning at Valley and chided us about a beeping fire alarm when he was at our home. He will be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family!
Jim and Peggy Link

Peggy and Jim Link - April 14, 2022 at 01:06 PM

KL

“ I had the privilege of meeting Wayne at the monthly auctions at the Newport Recreation Center. As an auctioneer he was unmatched!! He had an upbeat personality and a natural gift at keeping his audience entertained and engaged. I never once saw him when he wasn't smiling. My Dad was a huge auction fan and loved Wayne as well. The first auction I attended after my Dad passed from cancer, Wayne immediately came down from the stage to give me his condolences. That meant a lot to me. My sincerest sympathy goes out to each member of Wayne's family. We will miss his earthly presence but will always remember how blessed we were to know such a great guy.

Karen Link - April 14, 2022 at 12:56 AM

CN

“ I first met Wayne when he taught the proper way to use a fire extinguisher to me and others at our company in Blacksburg. Then we moved into his neighborhood and he was the best neighbor. And when we needed a place to stay, he rented us a house. To us, Wayne was Blacksburg and the reason we loved it so. His passing hurts deeply. Our best to his Mom and Family. We are all sad tonight...

Chris Nichols - April 13, 2022 at 08:58 PM

DN

“ Wayne always had an infectious smile, a neighbor & friend that we will treasure forever. Everyone whoever had the honor to meet Wayne gained an instant friend. We are blessed we had that honor. Our prayers go to Alison, his girls Emily & Katie, his mom, Frances; to his sisters Libby & Mary, his brother Jerry, his step children Vickie & Connor, nieces Morgan, Kellie, Leslie & Lindsay; to the entire Garst & McPherson families. Everyone whoever had the honor to meet Wayne gained an instant friend. Bob & Dolores Nickerson

Dolores & Bob Nickerson - April 13, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.*



April 13, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Wayne was a wonderful man and a lot for Blacksburg Fire. My father Kelly Walters always spoke about him. Nancy Walters*



nancy jo - April 13, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Jamison Electric Company - purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.*



Jamison Electric Company -- April 13, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ I met Wayne about 20 years ago as a college student. Although we were never very close he seemed to remember everything I ever told him. It was amazing. He always used my name and asked me about school. Once I got married and had children he would ask about them as well. He asked about my parents who also lived in town. He genuinely cared enough to remember people and about their lives.

He was one of the most caring, upbeat, positive, and friendly people I believe I've met. There are few that are as special as he was. He set an example for us all on how to be a wonderful human being.

We had many preschool and elementary school field trips to the fire stations when my kids were young. He was one of the highlights of the trip. He was always patient and just silly enough to keep the kids engaged and giggling.

Above all, he was kind and committed. He had a beautiful heart and it shined through to all that had the privilege to know or meet him. My heart aches for his loved ones. I hope that they will find peace and rest in knowing what a difference he made in so many other's lives and in their most cherished memories of him.

Julene Rice - April 13, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.



April 13, 2022 at 02:11 PM

JY

“ Always smiling, always happy and loving life!! People will always remember fireman Wayne just like that! What an impact you made on our community! From being a class A firefighter, auctioneer and all around wonderful guy! You left way too soon! To the Garst family our deepest condolences. Wayne, hold me a seat at the card table..... Jennifer Young and your little buddy Colton

jennifer young - April 13, 2022 at 02:01 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Johnston, Cindy&Dusty Schilling purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.



Carolyn Johnston, Cindy&Dusty Schilling - April 13, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.



April 13, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.



April 13, 2022 at 12:06 PM

ST

“ I got to know Wayne years ago when we served together on the Montgomery County Fire Rescue Commission. I always considered Wayne a good friend. He was truly a great man. May you rest in peace my friend...Godspeed..
Steve Spradlin

stspradlin@hotmail.com - April 13, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Wayne Garst.



April 13, 2022 at 11:41 AM



Shannon
O'Donnell

“ You will be greatly missed by all who had the honor of knowing you. To Wayne's family, we send our love and prayers.



Shannon O'Donnell - April 13, 2022 at 11:31 AM