



## Wayne Edward Akers

October 31, 1960 - June 21, 2024

A native of Christiansburg, Virginia, Wayne Edward Akers; born October 31, 1960, peacefully left this world on June 21, 2024, at the age of 63.

Wayne was preceded in death by his mother, Christine D. (Burke) Akers. Survivors include his wife of 29 years Tanya (Wojciechowski) Akers, and children; Brian Mullins, Stephanie (Derrick) Boyd, Stacy (Shep) Millar, Tyler (Amanda) Marcum, James (Maegan) Akers, Shannon (Josh) Collins, Breana (Zach) McManamy, along with 14 grandchildren, Father JC Akers and sister Joetta Whitehurst. Wayne was a devoted father, husband, cousin, and friend to many. He was always there to offer guidance, support, and encouragement no matter what challenges they were facing.

Wayne graduated from Christiansburg High School in 1979, he went on to attend New River Valley Community College where he obtained a degree in Instrumentation. Wayne furthered his education at Virginia Western Community College where he received another degree in Electronics and Electrical Engineering. Wayne worked for Siemens Technology for 36 years and was an indispensable member of their team. He was known for his brilliant mind, endless curiosity, great accomplishments, and his willingness to share it all with those around him.

He loved to hike, forage, cave, can, fish, garden, camp, and spend time with

his beloved family. He was loved by many and had an unforgettable impact on those around him. Throughout his career, he was known for his hard work and dedication to helping others and has played a huge role in serving his community. Wayne served 23 years with the Longshop McCoy Fire and Rescue squad and was Chairman of the NRV Swiftwater Association. At 62 years old, Wayne recertified in technical rescue in one of his favorite places, the New River. Anyone who met him was blessed to meet a friend. He never failed to recite a dad joke whenever he could. He loved to tell amazing stories about his childhood or his outrageous caving stories. "Always told best by a campfire."

There's no short way of explaining this man and the impact he has had on everyone; his memory will be cherished by all who knew him. A special thanks to the countless friends and special family members who have supported Wayne and his family during this time. A visitation for friends and family will be held at Longshop McCoy Fire/Rescue at 5770 McCoy Rd Blacksburg, VA from 5 pm to 8 pm on Tuesday, June 25th. The funeral will also be held at Longshop McCoy Fire/Rescue at 11 am on Wednesday, June 26th, Interment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Join us to celebrate the life of such an amazing man and the time he spent among us.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you donate to Longshop McCoy Fire and Rescue in remembrance of a man who faithfully devoted himself to his community.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street  
Christiansburg, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Longshop McCoy Fire/Rescue  
5770 McCoy Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

## Funeral Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Longshop McCoy Fire/Rescue  
5770 McCoy Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *This is truly a sad day. My condolences to Wayne's family. Wayne was truly a unique individual. He always gave 100% of himself regardless of the task undertaken. Wayne was one of those special people who was both incredibly intelligent as well as willing to share his knowledge with those around him. Those two traits are not always found in a single human being. While I was always in awe of Wayne's intelligence, he also had an amazing sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.*

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**Mike Aldrich** - June 25, 2024 at 03:24 PM

JK

“ *Joseph, Bree Kast purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Wayne Edward Akers.*



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**Joseph, Bree Kast** - June 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JK

“ *Joseph, Bree Kast planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Edward Akers.*

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**Joseph, Bree Kast** - June 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Akers.



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June 23, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ Wayne was a Godsend to me when I started as a Building Automation tech for the DSA. I been in that position for the past 8 years, and any time I needed help Wayne was right there. In the last few years, we talked about getting himself and his wife out to the farm to go horse back riding. It never worked out for us to go. I hate that we never made it happen. With Wayne's passing, I truly feel like I have lost someone very special to me. Wayne was more than a friend or a teacher If I was upset about something, just talking to him he had a way of calming me down to keep me from doing something stupid. For the past few year, I've gotten him a few deer. I think he made most of it into Jerky for his family. I regret that my wife never got to meet Wayne. Even though she has made him cookies and zucchini bread. I regret never getting to meet his family and now I will meet them under the worst time of their life. My heart aches for my loss, I can't imagine what they are going through. If there is one good thing about this, Wayne is out of pain and over the past year or so he had a lot of pain. Wayne I will miss you terribly, but you're passing makes me want to live and be a better person so once again I can see you and talk to you. I love you Wayne and keep me a seat. I'll see you soon.



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**Greg Lawson** - June 23, 2024 at 11:14 AM

MD

“ *Mary Ann Harman Dowdy lit a candle in memory of Wayne Edward Akers*



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**Mary Ann Harman Dowdy** - June 22, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RM

“ *Everybody who met Wayne liked him. He was always nice to me in school. Condolences to his family. RIP*  
*Randy Moran*

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**Randy Moran** - June 22, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JW

*Sorry for your loss Tanya and family.*

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**Jeanette Waters** - June 22, 2024 at 06:57 PM

CL

*My sympathy to the entire family. I will pray for you Tanya. I will miss my cousin.*

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**Clifford** - June 22, 2024 at 07:11 PM

SQ

*Such sweet memories of Wayne as my youth leader at Belview. Adventures and stories. Was so saddened to hear of his passing. Praying the Lord's comfort over the family.*

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**Shelby Dickerson Quesenberry** - June 22, 2024 at 10:24 PM

PR

*Tanya and Breana, I am so sorry I did not see Wayne's obituary sooner or Dave, my husband and I would have been at the visitation. Breana, your Daddy was certainly proud of you. I remember you running to jump in his arms. Dave worked with Wayne when he would be on VT campus working. I know you will miss him terribly, but know he is looking down smiling.*

*Love,*

*Phyllis (Mrs. Rettig)*

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**Phyllis Rettig** - June 28, 2024 at 05:28 PM