



Wayne D. Lanier

February 1, 1942 - December 19, 2024

Wayne Donald Lanier passed away Thursday, December 19, 2024, in Tallahassee Florida at 82 years of age.

Born in Charleston SC, he was the oldest son of the late Joseph Donald Lanier and Anna Salerni Lanier. Wayne was a graduate of Chicora High School in North Charleston, and he attended Clemson University and Carson Newman College. He did his graduate work at Georgia Southern University. Surviving are Rhonda P. Lanier, the love of his life and his wife of 53 years; children, Donald N. Lanier (Helen) of Columbia, Linda Long Hill (Austin) of Tallahassee; grandsons Thatcher Olyn Long, Ethan James Long, Mason Donald Lanier, Joseph Turner Lanier; granddaughters Belle Hill and Seras Hill; brother Lee Marvin Lanier (Margaret).

Wayne was a career school psychologist with Greenville County Schools for 30 years. He was a Master Mason with the Duncan Lodge No. 309 AFM. Following his retirement, Wayne was an avid ballroom dancer, often competing in amateur events throughout South Carolina and Western North Carolina. A lifetime Clemson man, he cheered the Tigers in virtually every sport you could find coverage of. After the birth of his first grandson, Wayne and Rhonda moved to Tallahassee to properly spoil the grandson.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 23, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel, 300 West Poinsett St. Greer, SC conducted by Dr. Keith Kelly.³

A private burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the service Monday, December 23, 2024, at The Wood Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital for Children, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 or Susan G. Komen, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, Texas 75380.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *It is with great sadness to know that Wayne has passed away. I went to Chicora High School with Wayne. Many years later we became very good friends working on our class reunions. After he moved to Florida, I didn't get to see him but kept in touch by email for a while. He was definitely special, so nice and kind. My sympathy to Rhonda and his family. I know you will cherish and take comfort in your memories together. Mary Lou Seyle*

Mary Seyle - January 23, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ *Wendy Elder lit a candle in memory of Wayne Lanier*



Wendy Elder - December 28, 2024 at 04:21 AM