



William Wayne Wertz

November 14, 1942 - March 3, 2026

Saluda, SC

Wayne Wertz

William Wayne Wertz, 83, passed away on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born in Greenwood, and a son of the late Alfred Calvin Wertz and Thelma Black Wertz. Mr. Wertz was a proud graduate of Saluda High School, where he played football and earned the nickname "Possum," a name many continued to call him throughout his life. He retired from V.C. Summer Nuclear Station after years of dedicated service. A faithful member of Good Hope Baptist Church, he served as a former deacon and enjoyed fellowship both in worship and on the church softball team in the earlier years.

Mr. Wertz had a deep love for farming and took great pride in raising his cattle. He treasured time spent with his family and friends and especially valued the relationships he built with his work family over the years.

Surviving are three sons, Jeff Wertz (Lynn), Scott Wertz (Daphine) both of Saluda, and Brett Wertz (Jason) of Atlanta, GA, a sister, Norma Brown, a brother, Keith Wertz both of Saluda, eight grandchildren, Heather Hughes,

Chelsea Wertz, Misty Holsonback, Holly Rodgers, Ciara Coleman, Heidi Rodgers, Ginger Wertz, and Kelly Ouzts, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wertz was preceded in death by a brother, Philip Wertz.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 pm, Friday, March 6, 2026 at Ramey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lee Going officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and at other times the family will be at the family home, 6980 Greenwood Highway, Saluda, SC .

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Ramey Funeral Home
202 N Rudolph St
Saluda, SC 29138
(864) 445-2366

Funeral

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ I worked at VC Summer for over 20 years and would see Wayne frequently. He was always polite and was a hard worker. I thought the western shirts he wore were really unique, and least around here anyway. I was glad we recently shared a few messages. He told me he was ill, and I had intended to see him this month. He was a valuable asset to the company, but most importantly a nice and decent man. I will think of him often. My condolences to the family.

Dug Rizzo - March 18 at 05:54 PM

SB

“ My prayers to the family of Wayne Possum Wertz. He was a kid who grew up in the same Good Hope Community as I did and he will always be young to me as I hadn't seen him in over 50 years.

Selma Smith Bettis - March 08 at 10:46 PM

DT

“ We all loved Papa Wayne. He was an awesome man. Sending much love and many prayers for the family. I've sent a donation to the American Cancer Society in honor of Mr William Wayne Wertz. Cherish all your wonderful memories. Love to all, Dellrene Tellin



Dellrene Tellin - March 06 at 11:18 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Wayne Wertz.



March 06 at 08:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Wayne Wertz.

March 06 at 08:53 AM



“ --Tim Coff and your Viewpointe Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of William Wayne Wertz.



--Tim Coff and your Viewpointe Family - March 05 at 02:23 PM



“ --Tim Coff and your Viewpointe Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Wayne Wertz.

--Tim Coff and your Viewpointe Family - March 05 at 02:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Wayne Wertz.*



March 05 at 01:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Wayne Wertz.

March 05 at 01:00 PM



“ Spoke to Wayne two weeks ago. Glad I got to talk to him. RIP, Wayne.

Marlene McCormack

Marlene - March 05 at 09:37 AM



“ Amy and The Insulation Shop @ VC Summers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Wayne Wertz.



Amy and The Insulation Shop @ VC Summers - March 04 at 09:06 PM

AP

“ I worked for Mr.Wayne for the past 22 years of outages at VC Summers as an insulator in his shop. I am so glad I spoke with him just last week and told him how much I appreciated everything he has taught me. I will never know everything he did (he was one of a kind) but I'm striving to be like him. May he rest in peace and pain free now.i know i speak for many when I say I will always value our friendship! The outage just isn't the same without you chicken man!

amy parsons - March 04 at 08:58 PM

SR

“ We are praying for all of you. Love, Steve & Teresa Rodgers

Steve & Teresa Rodgers - March 04 at 08:02 PM

SR

“ Steve & Teres Rodgers lit a candle in memory of William Wertz



Steve & Teres Rodgers - March 04 at 07:59 PM

MS

“ MaryAnne Smith lit a candle in memory of William Wertz



MaryAnne Smith - March 04 at 07:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Wayne Wertz.*



March 04 at 07:04 PM



“ *William Naomi & Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of William Wertz*



William Naomi & Brenda Goodman - March 04 at 04:06 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Wayne's family. I graduated with him and yes we called him Possum. Benard sends his condolences .*

Marsue Brazell - March 04 at 02:38 PM



“ *James and Susan Blackburn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Wayne Wertz.*



James and Susan Blackburn - March 04 at 02:30 PM

JB

“ James and Susan Blackburn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Wayne Wertz.

James and Susan Blackburn - March 04 at 02:30 PM