



## Wayne Bailiff

June 2, 1946 - March 17, 2025

John Wayne Bailiff, 78, of White house, TN, passed away March 17, 2025. Wayne Bailiff was passionate about many things in his life. He loved playing sports...baseball, basketball, football. He loved teaching and coaching countless young people during his nearly 30 year career as an educator. He approached these with a positive attitude of encouragement and discipline. He taught more than athletic skills or classroom curriculum. He wanted to instill life lessons that his students could use after the classes were done and the games were played.

But the thing he was most passionate about was his unwavering faith in God. That passion drove him to share his belief and love of God to his students, colleagues, friends, family and any others that crossed his path. Even as he fought his health battles over the last years and months of his life, he never stopped sharing it. When his health kept him from being able to preach from the pulpit or teach a bible class, he reached out to nurses, doctors and other patients during his hospitalizations. Those who knew him described him as upbeat, a ray of sunshine and hope, and inspirational. His life here on earth is over, but he leaves a legacy of faith, caring, and sharing. Now he lives without pain or sickness and begins an eternity with the God he so loves.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy and Ruby Bailiff and his brother, Jimmy Bailiff.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Edna Bailiff; niece-daughters, Missy Harris and Dawn (Chip) Umphenour; nephew-son, Lee (Carry) West; Grandchildren, Jennifer, Coty, David, RJ, Jon, Steven, Chase and Jessica; great-grandchildren, Savannah, Remington, Eden, Baylee, Brooklyn and Brody; cousin, Jack (Linda) Ashworth; faithful canine companion, Biscuit.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 22, 2025, held from 10:00 am until service time at 12:00 pm at White House Church of Christ, White House, TN.

Interment to follow at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to White House Church of Christ Building Fund or World Bible School.

# Cemetery Details

## Hermitage Memorial Gardens

535 Shute Ln.  
Old Hickory, TN 37138

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

White House Church of Christ  
205 Spring St,  
White house, TN 37188

## Service

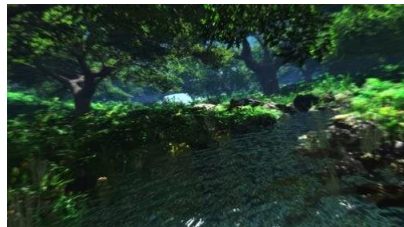
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Bailiff* ”



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - March 21, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *86 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - March 21, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JJ

“ Edna and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss of Wayne. Wayne was a very special person who enjoyed life and lived sharing Christ with everyone . He was a good friend when we were younger in school and when he attended and was so active working with Joelton Church of Christ. Wayne was there to help with the loss of loved ones , to rejoice when many were married and to welcome new babies and new members always supported by his sweet wife . I know without doubt that he has earned his wings and walks with the Lord well and strong ! Prayers to all the family, especially you Edna as I know you will miss him greatly . Much love , Judy ( Jerry) Johnson

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**Judy Johnson** - March 20, 2025 at 11:53 PM

VG

*New Wayne from.joelton church of christ*

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**Virginia Gamble** - May 24, 2025 at 05:41 PM

GS

“ I remember Wayne growing up being in church with him and also at Madison High School. He was always a friendly person to be around. His faith in God grew stronger as he grew older. My prayers for all the family and friends. May your "Precious Memories", put a smile on your faces and laughter in your hearts. What an honor to have know Wayne throughout the years.



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**Gail Nichols Swann** - March 20, 2025 at 03:09 PM

KL

“ *Karl and Debbie Levy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne Bailiff.*



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**Karl and Debbie Levy** - March 20, 2025 at 08:32 AM

SB

“ *Edna and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Wayne. I loved him dearly when you attended at Joelton Church of Christ. He was so much fun and had so much enthusiasm. I remember him most when he started the OWLS program. I know that it is difficult losing him, but now he is where he wanted to be his whole life. I believe he is having a great reunion with John Hurt and all who knew him and loved him. I still think of you both when I pass your old house on Whites Creek Pike. May God bless you and comfort you. Sara Bratcher*

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**Sara Bratcher** - March 19, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *It has been an honor to know Wayne for many years. Through all of his health issues, he bravely fought hard and remained a sincere soldier for Christ. He was a mentor for so many young people who were blessed to know him and his faithful wife, Edna. Ray and I will miss his smile and teasing through his pain. As many friends can say, we treasure the many rocks he painted and shared. Wayne, you are missed, but we know you are in the best place and finally pain free.*

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**Joyce Eller** - March 18, 2025 at 11:43 AM