



Earl DeWayne "Wayne" Raines

April 21, 1947 - April 17, 2023

Earl DeWayne "Wayne" Raines, 75, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 17, 2023, at Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Center in New Castle.

He was born on April 21, 1947, in New Castle, Indiana, a son of the late Earl McKinley Raines and Ina Opal (Lovelace) Raines.

Wayne married the love of his life, Phyllis Ann Haney, on November 30, 1963, in Tennessee. They have been long-time members of First Bible Free Will Baptist Church in New Castle where Wayne served as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. Wayne worked for 32 years at Dana Corporation retiring in 1997. He also drove a semi for several years for DL Bowman Trucking and Trojan Plastics. He loved motorcycles and owned Wayne's Garage where he did motorcycle repair and maintenance. He also enjoyed working as a gate guard at Westwood Park for 15 years. Everything Wayne did, he did with passion, whether it was hunting, fishing, riding his motorcycle, serving at the church or loving his family.

Those left to cherish Wayne's memory include his loving wife of 59 years, Phyllis Raines; two sons, Richard (Debby) Raines of New Castle and Mark (Jama) Raines of Anderson; two grandchildren, Nathan Duane Raines and Emily Raines; two sisters, Beverly (Bill) Imel and Stella Brockman both of New

Castle; two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Wagner of Largo, FL and Brenda (Jerry) Davis of New Castle, and with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, April 21, 2023, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Alan Boles officiating. Cremation will follow.

Friends may call from 5 – 8 pm Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the First Bible Free Will Baptist Church with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Wayne Raines.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
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Visitation

APR **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM

WR

“ *Dewayne and Phyllis are great friends. I have so many good memories with them. Dewayne was a big lovable teddy bear. I loved joking with him. Phyllis, Rick, Debbie, Mark and Jama are in my prayers. He will be missed, but we know he is happier and in no pain. Love and prayers.*

Wanda Reynolds - April 19, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl DeWayne "Wayne" Raines.*



April 19, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl DeWayne "Wayne" Raines.*



April 19, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ *In 1974, Burton Ritchie and I started knocking on doors in New Castle, Indiana, to ask people if they knew Jesus by faith and would they like to attend our church. A huge man came to the door of one house. He was friendly. We gave him some information about receiving Jesus. We went back for six weeks in a row. On the sixth visit, he invited us into his house. He told us that he had received Jesus by faith. I was his pastor for four years and a lifelong friend. I just discovered that he has passed from this life into eternal life with Jesus. He is one of the greats to have lived a life dedicated to faith, family, and friends.*

Dan O' Donnell - April 19, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ *Wilma Royer Massengale lit a candle in memory of Earl Raines*



Wilma Royer Massengale - April 18, 2023 at 07:00 PM

SE

“ DeWayne was a kind, soft-hearted person in my view of him that every time I was around him and talked with him always made me feel like we were best friends having a conversation with each other!! I will always remember the last thing that we talked about outside church this past year, he said to me “this is a wonderful life we live” because of God’s goodness to us and his wonderful blessings he allows to have and share together ❤️

Shane Donahue Ellson - April 18, 2023 at 11:21 AM

DW

“ I loved serving as Dewayne’s pastor for the short time I was able to. There were many occasions he randomly stopped by the parsonage on his way to see his mother, Ms. Opal. He even came by to say hello during that awful time of the COVID shut downs. I pray for his family during this time. There will be a happy meeting in heaven I know. ✝️

Dustin Walters - April 18, 2023 at 05:35 AM

JT

“ I remember DeWayne as a joyful man. He was always smiling and telling jokes, and he spread love and joy to everyone around. Although he'll be missed by so many, I'm thankful to know that he's whole again in the presence of Jesus. Love to Phyllis, Rick, Debby, Mark and the entire family during this time of loss.

Jenny Tyner - April 18, 2023 at 05:29 AM



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April 17, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ Sending my sympathy to the entire family and especially to Phyllis. Dewayne was just like a huggable teddy bear, and had a happy disposition, a joy to be around. With Jesus Christ as his Savior, Dewayne's residence is now in heaven! We will meet again, Praise be to God ! Hugs to all ❤️

Sally Buchmeier - April 17, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ I sure loved him. He was always one of my “go to” people when I sang at church. The look of pride on his face is something I will never forget. I am so thankful he was a part of my life, but I'm even more thankful that I will see him again.

Michelle Dillow - April 17, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Sorry to learn of DeWayne's passing but so happy he's with the Lord. He was such a sweet, kind and loving man and loved by all who knew him. You are in my prayers during this difficult time. May you feel God's presence and peace. Love to you all. Marlana Denny, Don and Emily.

Marlena Denny - April 17, 2023 at 09:08 PM

TF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Know we are praying for all of you during this most difficult time. The Nicholson & Lyskowinski Family

The Nicholson Family - April 17, 2023 at 08:26 PM

ML

“ Dewayne was an awesome man I know he will be missed. You will be in my prayers but he is with our Savior

Max Lines - April 17, 2023 at 07:19 PM