



Vaughn L. Reid Jr.

September 28, 1934 - April 6, 2024

Vaughn Reid Jr was born on September 28, 1934, and passed away on April 6, 2024, at The Waters of New Castle at the age of 89.

He is survived by a son, Vaughn L. Reid III of New Castle, and a sister, Suzanne Wright (husband Don) of Spiceland. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vaughn Reid Sr and Ruth Irene Reid, by an infant brother, by his ex-wife, Beverly Reid, and by a niece, Lisa Ann Clark.

“Junior,” as he was affectionately called by most people, dedicated his entire life to serving the citizens of New Castle and Henry County. He started out in his youth serving as a hall monitor and crossing guard then transitioned to riding along with and volunteering with the New Castle Fire Department and the New Castle Henry County Police Emergency First Aid Unit.

Once Junior became an adult, he worked as a Ranger at Memorial Park and then was hired onto the Henry County Sheriff’s Department as a road deputy under Sheriff Warren Davis. While on-duty patrolling as a deputy, Vaughn was very gravely injured in a car accident in his patrol car. After many months of recovery from his accident, Junior was hired onto the New Castle Police Department and spent 23 years, achieving the rank of Captain, working on the First Aid Unit. In 1987, he retired and served two terms as the Sheriff of Henry County.

After retiring from being Sheriff, Junior continued to volunteer with the Sheriff's Department. Then he was hired by the City of New Castle to provide security for the City's Parks and Cemetery and to escort funeral processions. He worked at this last position until the age of 86.

Vaughn had a one-track mind dedicated to helping those in need. He always kept a scanner or two-way police radio with him and would respond to calls for help anytime, day or night - regardless of whether or not he was on-duty. He saved countless lives and even delivered a few babies during his lifetime of service.

Junior treated everyone, regardless of the situation, with respect, and his friendly wave was a welcome sight when passing him on the road. He loved the people of New Castle and Henry County, and his lifetime of dedication showed this. Junior was the definition of a public servant to our community.

A public visitation will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm at First Baptist Church in New Castle, where a Time of Sharing will begin at 3:00 pm, with several community leaders offering tributes. Following the service, a funeral procession will take Junior past many of his workstations and places dear to him. Cremation will follow services.

You may view the service online at 3:00 pm Saturday, April 20, 2024, by Clicking Here (<https://www.newcastlefbc.com/live/>).

The family of Vaughn Reid Jr. has set up a fund at the Henry County Community Foundation in his honor and to continue his service and memory after death. The family is asking that, in lieu of flowers, community members make a donation to the Vaughn Reid Jr. named fund on his behalf. You can contribute online by Clicking Here (<https://henryccf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/cre>

ate/fund?funit_id=3739) or in-person at the Foundation's Office, 700 S. Memorial Dr. New Castle.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home. You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Vaughn Reid Jr.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
709 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Time of Sharing Memories

APR 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
709 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Junior was a very nice person. I met him patrolling Baker park on night and my youngest son flipped off a slide and landed badley and he helped me with my son until medical got their. Than a little way after that we was Baker water Park and he was turning off the water and he left it on for. Another hour so the kids could play because they're a decent size group there with us and talked to the kids and passed out stickers. Very sweet and nice man. Rih and sending prayers to the family.



Meagan Welch - April 21, 2024 at 12:22 AM

WH

“ To the family of Vaughn Reid, Jr, I hope God sends you comfort and peace during this time. As a very young girl growing up on Illinois St I can remember hearing the siren of the ambulance and knowing that Vaughn Reid would be coming down 16th St on his way to the Hospital and the kids that lived on Illinois St would race to the corner of 16th and Illinois St to wave at Jr as he passed by. He would always return the wave and that was the highlight of our day! Vaughn Reid, Jr you will be missed by many people in New Castle, Indiana!

Wanda Hanning - April 20, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ 181 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - April 20, 2024 at 08:46 AM

PE

“ *Such a very special man with a big heart and a great love for his community. I remember him being in the Burger Chef up on Broad Street when we used to cruise. Just a very special, sweet man the world needs more like Him*

Peggy - April 14, 2024 at 04:03 AM

BH

“ *Brittany Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Brittany Hernandez - April 13, 2024 at 07:31 AM

DD

“ 1 GREAT MAN WAS SO GOOD TO MY GRANDAUGHTER.S SHELBY ALAYNA FROST& SAVANNA ROSE MCGLAUGHLIN AFTER THEY swam at Baker Pool they went to the free end. When we left there he would open his trunk and give them stuffed animals his other name was SANTA by them. MY MOM ROSEMARY NEAL BABY SAT VAUGHN> I don,t live in New caste but my daughter KIM FROST AND HER GIRL.S DO/ WE ALL LOVED HIS LITTLE DOG/ i AM VERY CERTAIAN JESUS HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN HEAVEN. he will 4 ever be a part of my hometown NEW CASTLE,INDIANA HE WAS 1 of a kind never to be 4 gotten-but alway,s missed! WE LOVE U VAUGHN! DEE A NEAL (HOUSER) DOSS!



Dee Ann Neal (Houser) Dosss - April 12, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RE

“ Rhonda Jeff Eldridge lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Rhonda and Jeff Eldridge - April 11, 2024 at 02:04 PM

TE

“ Terri lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Terri - April 10, 2024 at 08:43 PM

ML

“ I will never forget him always having a dg in the back window. He was such a great man



madison lyall - April 10, 2024 at 02:38 PM

AS

“ Annette Stone lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Annette Stone - April 10, 2024 at 10:31 AM

DH

“ We are so sad to hear the news of Vaughn's passing. He was always the sweetest & kindest man. Always taking time to stop & say hello & always giving a wave! He was always so kind to my son when he was a little boy- always taking the time to speak with him & give him that Badge sticker! ❤️ He made quite the impression on him, on all of us! You will be missed so much! RIP



Deana & Donovan Hopkins - April 10, 2024 at 02:33 AM

DR

Junior Reid was an awesome individual! He was a gentleman! He served his community well! My sympathy to his family!

Donna Ragan - April 11, 2024 at 05:52 PM

PM

“ *phil marsh lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



phil marsh - April 09, 2024 at 08:44 PM

Angela S Canaday

“ *Sorry for the loss of Vaughn Reid Jr. He will always be missed for being a great member of our community. I will miss seeing him around watching over our citizens of New Castle, IN. I remember him always smiling and waving at me and my family as we used to walk places here in town and asking how we was doing. What a great soul. He will be greatly missed.*



Angela S Canaday - April 09, 2024 at 11:07 AM

BL

“ *Such a kind and caring soul. Vaughn Reid took such tender care of me when I was in a bad car accident in 1973. I was just 17 and hurt and scared and he took care of me. God sent him to earth to care for others and he lived a life full of service to others. Rest in the arms of our Lord.*

Becky Lair - April 09, 2024 at 10:54 AM

BL

“ *Becky Lair lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Becky Lair - April 09, 2024 at 10:49 AM

TE

“ *Terri lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Terri - April 08, 2024 at 11:13 PM

EF

“ *Erin Fairchild lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Erin Fairchild - April 08, 2024 at 09:22 PM

KR

“ *Our kids are grown with their own kids now but I remember them coming home from the park as teenagers saying VRJ bought them pizza, I believe from Pizza King too! He was such a good man and I felt better knowing he was keeping an eye on things over there. He will be missed! Condolences to the family. ❤️*

Kara Richey - April 08, 2024 at 06:34 PM

VH

“ Vicki Howe lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Vicki Howe - April 08, 2024 at 05:09 PM

VH

“ I have never met a more caring and loving man who took care of everyone in New Castle. I am gong to miss him and his smile and wave to his hand and a happy hello. God has gained an angel that He blessed us with . Love you dear friend.

Vicki Howe - April 08, 2024 at 05:08 PM

EH

“ Over the years (67) of knowing and adoring this true angel of God there has been countless times in his profession and everyday life he has been a calming spirit in so many lives as he provided emergency services. Not only that, so personable and approachable. He knew us all and most by name! Take your rest. I know you have a special place next to God because you showed his love to us all.

Ellen J Huddleston - April 08, 2024 at 08:19 AM

JW

“ He will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was a true Samaritan for New Castle and such a kind person, that you don't see anywhere else. My condolences to his family. Rest in peace Vaughn Jr, I know you'll be a true Samaritan in heaven too as you greet those there with your warm smile and friendly face.



Jodean Dobbs Watts - April 08, 2024 at 04:43 AM

BL

“ Brandy Lynn lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Brandy Lynn - April 07, 2024 at 10:55 PM

MB

“ Rest in peace Jr. A true New Castle icon.



Mary Brewington - April 07, 2024 at 08:04 PM

JC

“ Such a wonderful friend he was always willing to help in anyway . He was so good to help keep an eye on me when I would close the concessions at the pool he will be greatly missed by all. Prayers for all the family..



Joyce Conyers - April 07, 2024 at 05:02 PM

DR

“ *what a great man,be like Vaughn!!*



Donnie Rains - April 07, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DR

“ *Donnie Rains lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Donnie Rains - April 07, 2024 at 12:11 PM

DR

“ *An example of what all men should be!! ❤️*

Donnie Rains - April 07, 2024 at 12:09 PM

TE

“ *Vaughn was so good to everyone, he was a pivotal part of our community! Our whole family is so very sad! I hope he knew how everyone felt about him.*



Tanene Erb - April 07, 2024 at 12:09 PM

VP

“ A wonderful neighbor to my mother-they spoke daily and helped each other the best they could. He was kind and caring and always there for her if she needed assistance. What a great neighbor to have! Rest now Vaughn...



Vicky Pryor - April 07, 2024 at 11:20 AM

LA

“ This was the kindest most loving man I ever met! He has helped me in many ways through the years. He loved to help people, even after he retired. You will be greatly missed here in new castle. RIP cousin junior reed

leslie a.leslie - April 07, 2024 at 10:08 AM

KR

This man was a legend in this town done many things for our community as well as save my grandpa's life years ago. You was one of the finest people that worked in many field's an was good an honest kind man. R.I.P Junior Reid 💙 sending hugs an prayers for family

Kelly Ralstin - April 07, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ Such an icon to our town. I've know him since I was a very small child. He always had something nice to say, a smile & a wave. He will be sadly missed by so many.

Amber Cheesman-Bettters - April 07, 2024 at 09:08 AM

CL

“ *this man was someone who was so kind my grandma mary sexton spoke highly about him. And always care for his town of new castle rip heaven gains a magical angel.*

Charley lawson - April 07, 2024 at 05:04 AM

AP

Our town will miss the sweet smile and the wave when passing..... prayers for his son...,

April - April 07, 2024 at 01:05 PM

VY

“ *You were definitely 1 of the kind You never met a stranger You always had a smile and a hand wave to anybody You will be missed R I P Prayer set for your family*



Vicko York - April 07, 2024 at 02:53 AM

VY

“ *Jr. Reid is a legend of New Castle. I don't think he ever met a stranger. Always have a hand wave for anybody that he passed. R.I.P. Jr. You will be missed*



Vicko York - April 07, 2024 at 02:47 AM

VY

“ Vicki York lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Vicki York - April 07, 2024 at 02:35 AM

LB

“ There is not a person in New Castle that didn't love this man.



Lisa Bechtold - April 07, 2024 at 01:31 AM

JM

“ He was a great man! I remember when i was a kid in the early 90's and my father used to work on some of the Ambulance's that were stationed on top of the hill overlooking the baseball diamonds. My pops would always take me in to the station and Vaughn Reid Jr. Would always show us the new sirens he would put on his ambulance and he always got in trouble for it. It was so funny to me as a kid to watch him be so excited abouted his bells and whistles. I believe there was a limit that you could have and would go way beyond that limit setting all of them off at once. I hope this is something that is done at his funeral. RIP and thank you for treating my cuts and scrapes as a chid.

Justin Mark - April 07, 2024 at 01:14 AM

Shelia Hudson

“ *Shelia Hudson lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Shelia Hudson - April 07, 2024 at 12:56 AM

MP

“ *Such a kind soul, you will be missed Jr. Our community is a better place for having known you. R.I.H.
To his loved ones, I am so very sorry for such a great loss. You are all in this communities thoughts and prayers. God bless!*



Michelle Poe - April 06, 2024 at 11:40 PM

KP

“ *I will never forget his wave. He was such a kind gentle person.*

Kimberly Price - April 06, 2024 at 11:30 PM

JW

“ *Joshua Willoughby lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Joshua Willoughby - April 06, 2024 at 11:24 PM

JW

“ Sorry for your loss. Vaughn was a good person. I have known him since I was a little kid. He will be missed. Rest in peace Vaughn.

Joshua Willoughby - April 06, 2024 at 11:24 PM

TA

“ Tabitha lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Tabitha - April 06, 2024 at 10:45 PM

JE

“ Heaven gained an angel of angels, he was the kindest and most caring soul. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Tom & Jackie Eversole



Jackie Eversole - April 06, 2024 at 10:45 PM

SA

“ Sandy Ammerman lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Sandy Ammerman - April 06, 2024 at 09:49 PM

BO

“ I'm so upset, Vaughn was the model for what every public servant should be like, he always had a bright countenance the profile picture with his arm out the window is exactly what I think of when picturing Vaughn, he had a great smile and had a wave for everyone who locked eyes with him, I wish every cop was just like him and the world would be a greater place for it, very upsetting news but at least we know this Angel amongst men is at the Lords side, you will be forever missed, I especially admired the way he patrolled the parks, just looking out for the kids and I believe that is what its all about, You will be forever missed and I will be putting an actual candle in my window and trying to attend the service , prayers to his family and all his friends, you cannot teach what he seemed to know and understand, usually coos look for crime so there mind would definitely find something, I don't believe he thought that way, he was all smiles and waving when you seen him patrolling trying to help anyone who was lucky enough to meet this great man, my heart hurts for his family and friends so much, what a great man, and a perfect Grade A Public Servant. You will be missed Vaughn. R.i.H. -todd Lowe & Bonnie Duvall

Bonnie - April 06, 2024 at 09:38 PM

JH

“ My Grandma and I used to see Junior at least once a week at her work when I was a kid in the late 90s and early 2000s. He was an absolutely wonderful man, and I have so many memories seeing him out in his car. An absolute legend of New Castle and he deserves a memorial with honor. Rest in peace Junior, you will absolutely be missed.

Jarred H. - April 06, 2024 at 09:13 PM

MM

“ *Mary Maxwelll lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid*



Mary Maxwelll - April 06, 2024 at 08:27 PM

LK

“ *My name is Lisa Koontz, and I want to say that in the late,70,s Jr and Gary Marcum working on the First aide unit,I was in a very bad accident on Spiceland Ok, myself and four other individuals, And the both of them knew exactly what to do..I had a broken neck in three places, With all the compassion and such great care, I might not be able to walk today..Jr was such an amazing person, And my friend..I only wish that more people were like Them..Jr will always have a special place in my heart and he will be truely missed...Lisa Koontz*

Lisa Koontz - April 06, 2024 at 07:52 PM

KR

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Kristy - April 06, 2024 at 07:47 PM

RD

“ So sorry to hear of “Jr’s passing.. a pillar to this community and County. Words can’t even express the Character of this County Servant and plus bring an awesome Dad and friend to many . Jr. Has been to my rescue a couple of times in my life . Couldn’t imagine yo think how many folks in this area can say that as well. Fine Man and I’ll miss that big ‘Wave with a nod and big smile. Job well done Jr. you’ll be missed dearly. RIP!!! Prayers for the Families 🙏🙏🙏

Ricky Davis - April 06, 2024 at 07:35 PM

RS

“ Ron&Tess Supinger lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Ron&Tess Supinger - April 06, 2024 at 07:29 PM

BA

“ Barbara Addison lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Barbara Addison - April 06, 2024 at 07:11 PM

BA

“ Jr Reid never saw a stranger He always spoke to you or threw his up to you. He was a very kind man to all and fair. He was respected and I never ever heard anyone say anything bad about him. I miss seeing him driving around town. Rest in peace Jr

Barbara Addison - April 06, 2024 at 07:00 PM

ML

“ Vaughn Reid Jr. cared very much for his community. He made sure to wave at all the people and children that were outside. He will be greatly missed in this community. He was an excellent man. He set a high example for what a sheriff should be. Very proud of his service.

Mandy Leduc - April 06, 2024 at 06:46 PM

Wilma
Royer
Massengale

“ Wilma Royer Massengale lit a candle in memory of Vaughn Reid



Wilma Royer Massengale - April 06, 2024 at 06:37 PM

JH

“ You will be missed I remember u give me a lot of stuffie animals from u , you are in a better place love Jessie



jessie harvey - April 06, 2024 at 05:56 PM