



Mr. Wayne William Tetrick

July 23, 1923 - September 20, 2020

Wayne William Tetrick, a resident of Willow Springs, passed away Sunday afternoon, September 20, 2020 while at Willow Care Nursing Home. He was born July 23, 1923 in Dora, MO to Charles and Edna Sina (Cash) Tetrick and was 97 years old.

Wayne grew up in the Dora area where he attended school and graduated from Dora High School. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. He was stationed aboard the USS Ticonderoga in the South Pacific where he copied the Japanese code. He married Ruby Mae Dunaway on May 25, 1946 in Mountain Grove, and to this union two children were born. He taught school in Mountain Grove for 3 years, then worked as a radio operator for the Missouri State Highway Patrol in Rolla for 4 years. He was employed as a senior designer for MoDOT for 25 years before his retirement. When he was not at work, Wayne enjoyed being a ham radio operator. He and Ruby also loved to go camping. However, his passion was playing golf, and he readily shared his love for the game with Ruby. Wayne and Ruby were members of the First Baptist Church of Willow Springs since 1956. He will be dearly missed by his family, his friends, and all who knew him.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Leon Tetrick.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Ruby Tetrick; daughter, Annette Johnston and her husband, Norm of Ozark, MO; son, Gary Tetrick and Laura Roberts of Nixa, MO; grandsons: Ryan (Sarah) Johnston, Scott (Kendra) Johnston, Josh Tetrick, and Jordan (Jessica) Tetrick. He is further survived by his great-grandchildren: Kristjana Johnston, Jachin Johnston, Ethan Johnston, and June Tetrick. He is also survived by his sister, Ruby Skiles and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to be made to the Willow Springs Public Library in Wayne's memory, and may be left at the funeral home.

A celebration of life will be held on October 3, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. at the Willow Springs City Cemetery gazebo with Pastor Ryan Johnston officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Willow Springs City Cemetery
State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Tribute Wall

JC

“ A true friend and a wonderful mentor for me as we worked side by side in the old highway department. Always able to find something positive in every situation we were in. a true brother in the Lord. He was a provider of good advise. The world could learn true lessons from Wayne's life. His family was an example for me raising a family myself. Carol and I send thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace in your great loss!

Jimmie and Carol Cook

jimmie I cook - September 25, 2020 at 07:54 PM

RW

“ My condolences to Ruby,Annette and Gary for your loss, Mr. T will be sadly missed, I enjoyed knowing him and taking care of him, for the short year that I was blessed to do so.

Robin Winstead - September 25, 2020 at 04:13 PM

TC

“ Thank you Uncle Wayne for being a great role-model for our family, and for being just s super uncle and person. RIP 🙏❤️

Tammy Collins - September 22, 2020 at 11:36 AM

JH

“ Annette, Gary and Mrs. Tetrick, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Tetrick's death. You all were like a second set of parents to me. I know it is hard to say goodbye to him; he was a wonderful man and you will see him soon. Joy (Joyce Ann).

joy herman - September 21, 2020 at 11:45 PM

DW

“ We were saddened to hear of Wayne’s passing. He has had such a long painful journey in his last few years. Enjoyed the visits at Nursing home in Springfield as well as his home always a big smile. He was the salt of the earth as well as a wonderful mentor and friend. Love and prayers to Ruby Mae, Gary and Annette and their families. God Bless each of you. Deon and Linda White

Deon and Linda White - September 21, 2020 at 10:26 PM

DG

“ We are sad to learn of Wayne's passing. Such a fine person, you all have our heartfelt sympathy.

Donna graves - September 21, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Annette you have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. Georgia Birdsell Stone

Georgia Stone - September 21, 2020 at 06:13 PM



Pamela Brawley

Wow!! What great purpose and influence he had beyond his family! Very interesting life...so grateful to have had a moment in his journey!! Thoughts and prayers to family and friends 💕💕💕

Pamela Brawley - September 21, 2020 at 06:59 PM

LD

Ruby and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Wayne. I am sure he is happy to be free of pain. 🌹🇺🇸❤️🙏

Linda K Daugherty - September 22, 2020 at 09:17 AM

AW

I'm so sorry to hear this. Mr. Tetrick was my 5th grade teacher at Mtn. Grove. He was the first male teacher I ever had, and one of the best teachers. I had come from a one room country school and was such a shy kid. I still have one report card from him and on it every quarter he said she won't talk in class. He had so many neat ideas that it made learning fun. I have thought of him often with fond memories through the years, and wish I had got in touch with him to tell him how much his teaching meant to me. God bless!

Arlene Williamson - September 22, 2020 at 11:43 AM

KT

Our sincere condolences to the Tetrick family. Ken and Judy Thompson

Ken Thompson - September 22, 2020 at 09:02 PM