



Wayne "Chief" Nix

June 28, 1939 - June 4, 2016

Wayne Aubrey "Chief" Nix, 76, of Travelers Rest, departed this life at his home and was reunited with the love of his life, Susan Edwards Nix, on June 4, 2016.

Mr. Nix was the past owner of Western Auto in Travelers Rest and long time member of Travelers Rest First Baptist Church. He was the charter chairman of North Greenville Fire Department and instrumental in the founding of the fire department, charter treasurer of the Cooper Masonic Lodge, charter board member of the Travelers Rest Historical Society and served on the Advisory Board of The Bank of Travelers Rest. He served in the 323rd Infantry in the US Army and served in the US Army Reserve. He enjoyed racing, fishing and supporting his children and grandchildren in whatever they were involved in. He was a true Travelers Rest man that loved his gospel music.

He is survived by three children, Larie Tripp (Ricky), Greg Nix (Dawn), and Mary Beth Bowers (Chris), all of Travelers Rest. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Kyle and Melissa Nix, Chelsea and Halle Tripp, and Lucas Bowers and two great-grandchildren, Patrick Parker "Grey" Gressette, III and Cameron Nix. He is also survived by brother David G. Nix (Carol) of Temple, TX and Linda Gail Beahm (Leon) of Cookstown, NJ, as well as many nephews. He is also survived by a special friend of many years Frankie Edwards.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his mother, Edith C. Nix, father, B.B. Nix, and sister, Dixie Frohn Nix.

Mr. Nix asked to publicly express gratitude to Linda Gail "Sister" Beahm for her constant care for him over the past several weeks.

Pall bearers are Lee Beahm, Hollis Beahm, Ronnie Beahm, Tim Hendrix, Jason Keller, Todd Kluge, Tom McKenzie, Daniel Nix, Ronnie Nix, Donnie O'Neal, and Greg Thompson.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening at The Howze Mortuary from 6-8 pm.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 pm at Travelers Rest First Baptist Church with entombment immediately following at Coleman Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of SC. 537 Long Point Road Suite 203 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

The family is at the home of Greg Nix.

Cemetery Details

Coleman Memorial Cemetery

1599 Geer Hwy
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Church Service

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Travelers Rest
20 McElhaney Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

EK

“ My memories of Wayne are that he was always smiling, pleasant, helpful and friendly. He was liked by the community and loved by his family. I know he will be missed by all. Blessings as you go through these days,
Esther King

Esther King - June 23, 2016 at 08:01 AM

DC

“ Larie, Greg, Mary Beth and family and Frankie - It hurt to hear of Wayne's passing. I never dreamed he'd go within the week of seeing him on Sunday. I have to live with the regret of not coming sooner to see him. I know how it feels to lose your Dad but I know Heaven has been a more joyful place since he arrived. What a legacy Wayne leaves behind. Pages could be written about how he has touched so many people and all in a wonderful way and I'll always treasure getting to know him more these last few years through our Chappell Reunions and Cousins Night Out at Pizza in. He was a treasure. My prayers are with all his family and Frankie now and in the days ahead. May God and the many memories you treasure bring you comfort each time you think of him. He will always be a special cousin who loved to get together with cousins and I hope you all can continue that for him.
Love and prayers,
Darlene Cassell

Darlene Cassell - June 09, 2016 at 11:59 AM

TB

“Blessed to have known Wayne since the early 70's. Sorry to hear of his passing.

T. A. (Dub) Brown

T. A. (Dub) Brown - June 08, 2016 at 06:25 PM

SW

“Larie, Greg, and Mary Beth, What can I say about your Dad. Just a sweet, gentle, kind, loving person with a great sense of humor. I have so many fond memories of your Dad and your whole family growing up at TRFB and the pool. My heart and prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of your precious father. May Almighty God bless you with peace and comfort in the days and weeks to come. Love you guys, Scott Wood

Scott Wood - June 08, 2016 at 08:47 AM

BP

“I am so sorry for the passing of Wayne Nix. There are so many people who will miss him and to the family I offer my deepest sympathy and my prayers that God will fill your hearts with peace. I am sure there was a great reunion of him and Susan. He was a great neighbor for the many years we lived across from each other. Greg, Larie, Mary Beth, I send you my love and Sympathy.

*Love & Prayers,
Barbara Holt Poole*

Barbara Holt Poole - June 07, 2016 at 12:12 PM

CC

“ Keeping you "close in heart!. Precious memories! Always!
Cukye Nelson-Khaalid, CEOE



Cukye Nelson-Khaalid, CEOE - June 07, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Wayne "Chief" Nix.



June 07, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ Wayne, Linda Gail, David and I were neighbors when we were young. I have such good memories of them. Wayne was kind, generous and friendly then.
That never changed. My sincere condolences to all Wayne's family and friends.
Mary Hix Farr

Mary Farr - June 07, 2016 at 09:24 AM

CC

“ Mary Beth, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God keep you during this time of bereavement.

Claudia Cohen-GCAEOP/SCAEOP

Claudia Cohen - June 07, 2016 at 08:26 AM

CC

“ *Claudia Cohen lit a candle in memory of Wayne "Chief" Nix*



Claudia Cohen - June 07, 2016 at 08:24 AM

TM

“ *Love and prayers to all of you! He will be dearly missed!*

Taunya Mann - June 07, 2016 at 08:13 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Bowers lit a candle in memory of Wayne "Chief" Nix*



elaine bowers - June 06, 2016 at 10:23 PM

JD

“ *My deepest sympathies to you. You know my heart is full when it comes to you and your family. With all love,*

Jonathan Duty and Family

Jonathan Duty - June 06, 2016 at 08:11 PM

CP

“ Sorry to hear of Wayne's' passing I visited the Western Auto often he was always had a smile telling me about the good people he knew in Saluda. To the family an Frankie remember the good memories he would not want you to be sad he is in a better place Carolyn Rhodes Pace



Carolyn R. Pace - June 06, 2016 at 06:56 PM

JF

“ Dear Frankie and the Nix family,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Wayne was so kind and thoughtful when visiting Mother while she was in the hospital and rehab. I know how you are hurting, and pray that God will give you peace and comfort during these trying times.
Joyce & George Fisher
Lyman SC

Joyce Fisher - June 06, 2016 at 06:36 PM

CR

“ *My parents were Dwight and Edna Buchanan. Daddy and Mr. Wayne worked at the mill together, all those years ago and bowled on the company bowling league. They maintained their friendship throughout the years. Our Mom loved Susan, in fact, your Mom made many a dress for my sister and I. She even made my sisters prom dress!! Your Dad was a fine, fine gentleman. He came to my Dad's funeral a few years ago! Just imagine the rejoicing and reunions in Heaven. My prayers are with you all during this difficult journey.*



*Most sincerely,
Connie Robles
(formerly Connie Buchanan)*

Connie Robles - June 06, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne "Chief" Nix.*



June 06, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne "Chief" Nix.*



June 06, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ *Greg and Family*

So sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. I did not know him, but knowing you I know he was a wonderful man. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.. May God give you all comfort and peace during this difficult time.



Lynn and Buren Seay

Lynn Seay - June 06, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *Lynn Seay lit a candle in memory of Wayne "Chief" Nix*



Lynn seay - June 06, 2016 at 10:05 AM



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Lynn Seay - June 06, 2016 at 09:59 AM

PS

“ Surely will miss Wayne coming in Stax's !!
Praying for all the family and Frankie ...



Patricia Saunders - June 06, 2016 at 09:14 AM

CW

“ so sorry for your loss. mr. wayne will be missed by sooo many. we
thought a lot of him!
randy and charlotte walters

charlotte walters - June 06, 2016 at 08:52 AM

David
Driskill

“ The first "real" bike I ever had, I bought with grass-cutting money
from Mr. Nix at Western Auto. I got to talk with him last month, after
years, and he immediately recognized me and remembered my
name. Such a sharp mind! David and Cindy Driskill remember him
fondly, and we're keeping you in our prayers.

David Driskill - June 06, 2016 at 08:38 AM

TF

“ Prayers for Wayne's family, friends and for
Frankie. He will be missed



The Whitaker Family - June 06, 2016 at 08:32 AM

SA

“ Greg, Dawn and family - We are so sad and sorry to hear about Chief. Such a kind, kind man...and he always made us laugh. There will never be another like Chief! We love yall and are sending many thoughts and prayers.

Shari, Ken, Jessica, Georgia, Jacob Arms - June 06, 2016 at 08:11 AM

 Jeffrey Martin

“ Travelers Rest has lost one of its best citizens and foundation blocks that helped build the community. Still miss Western Auto and the positive attitude and kindness that flowed from "Mr. Nix". He taught great lessons each time he was around and some even silent lessons by the great manner in which he conducted himself and never spoke a word. Thank-you for the wonderful memories. To the family, your lost is tough but he will live on in the stories we share. May God Bless all the family not only now during this time of grief but always.
Jeff Martin

Jeffrey Martin - June 06, 2016 at 07:23 AM

 Susan Johnson

“ I can remember going to the Western Auto for the first time with my dad and he always had a smile on his face then and every time i ever visited the store. He was always willing to help with anything I needed. He will be missed,,

Susan Johnson - June 06, 2016 at 06:14 AM

JY

“ From the Alvin & Betty Ward family Daughters Joanne Yearwood (Michael) Kathy Coggins (Jerry) So Sorry for your loss. When I was younger I got most of my Christmas at Western auto every time I seen Wayne he alway had a smile and he alway picked on me. R.I.P God bless 🙏

Joanne Yearwood - June 05, 2016 at 09:48 PM

FW

“ Wayne is my first cousin. When I was a child, he always found time to entertain me and my 2 younger sisters. He was such a gentleman and gentle man. My prayers are with his children and grandchildren. I will miss this precious man.

Freda Nix Warlick - June 05, 2016 at 09:18 PM

CF

“ Chandler Family lit a candle in memory of Wayne "Chief" Nix



Chandler Family - June 05, 2016 at 09:13 PM



“ Wayne was the sweetest man. He would cut up with me and my family each time we would walk into Western Auto. You will really be missed Wayne and who else is going to cut up with us with you gone. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.



Chantee Revels - June 05, 2016 at 08:58 PM

JG

“ Always enjoyed going into Western Auto and talking with Wayne and Frankie. Condolences to the family, and to Frankie. May the Lord comfort you.

Jan Gaunt - June 05, 2016 at 08:44 PM

SP

“ Stanley And Vickie Pressley lit a candle in memory of Wayne "Chief" Nix

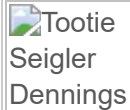


Stanley and Vickie Pressley - June 05, 2016 at 08:30 PM

JE

“ We are so sad to hear of Wayne.s passing. He was such a kind, generous, and supportive person to family, extended family, friends, or to anyone he had a chance to meet. His advice and opinions were both sound and appreciated. He was a man you could always trust and rely upon. He will truly be missed in our community and in our hearts.

Jeff and Sherry Edwards - June 05, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ *Larie, Greg, and Mary Beth -
Memories of your mom and Dad are precious to me. Your family welcomed us to the neighborhood when we moved to Travelers Rest and made us feel like we had been there all along. What fun we had!
Frankie - What a special person you are to this family!
May God comfort all of you in this time of sorrow. Lord, wrap your loving arms around this family as they adjust to him being gone.
You are all forever in my heart!
Julia "Tootie" Seigler Dennings*

Tootie Seigler Dennings - June 05, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ *It's not going to be the same going to a Travelers Rest Basketball or Football game and not seeing Wayne and Frankie sitting on the top row supporting their Devildogs. Wayne you were a good man and friend and will be missed. See you again one day in Heaven.*

Rex & Geraldine Lance & Jayden Ellenburg - June 05, 2016 at 01:52 PM



“ *Family and Frankie;
Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.
Wayne was a great man and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.
Love Annie and Charlie Anderson*

Annie Anderson - June 05, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *Ron and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with the family.
Wayne will be missed.*

Ron and Jo Ann Turnipseed - June 05, 2016 at 11:15 AM

JT

“ Prayers to the family. A man that demonstrated his love for God and his family. A special man who always loved and cared about all those around him. He will be missed.

Jo Ann and Ron Turnipseed - June 05, 2016 at 08:36 AM

LM

“ Prayers to the Nix family and Frankie. I will so miss this kind and gentle man. He fault a hard battle. Know that he leaves friends and family, only to Rejoice with the ones in heaven. I know my mamma and daddy will be happy to see him. Love you all.



Lisa Wood Maddox - June 05, 2016 at 07:35 AM

CR

Time is short. Seems like yesterday he was changing my tires at Western Auto..I am so sorry to hear of his passing. You guys were there when my mom passed away. With Deepest Sympathy The Wofford family(Olin, Betty, Janet, Connie, Doug and Jeff) who lived up the rd.

Connie Reynolds - June 06, 2016 at 03:16 PM

TL

We are sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

The Lesiaks - June 07, 2016 at 09:58 AM

CG

Our prayers go out to the entire Nix Family for your loss. Wayne was my first cousin and he will be truly missed.
Rick & Cathy Pace

Cathy Garner - June 07, 2016 at 04:33 PM

PK

So sad to hear that Wayne has left us. Such a good man. I know he is with the Lord today and receiving his reward as a follower of Jesus and a faithful servant to God in every area of his life. Am not able to be there at the Homegoing today but want Linda Gail, David and Frankie to know my thoughts and prayers are with you. We go w-a-a-a-y back to Renfrew mill village and 50s basketball and I still have such fond memories of the Nix family and of Frankie. All were special in my life.... May God give you peace and comfort in your loss.

Pat (Murphy) Keller

Pat Keller - June 08, 2016 at 12:02 PM