



Gene "Wayne" Burbage Sr.

October 21, 1954 - August 12, 2025

Gene "Wayne" Burbage, Sr., a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and proud veteran, passed away peacefully on August 12, 2025, in Summerville, South Carolina, at the age of 70.

Born on October 21, 1954, Wayne led a life defined by service, love, and laughter. He served his country honorably as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force, retiring after 20 years of dedicated service. As a Combat Aerial Photographer, Wayne saw the world through a unique lens—capturing moments during Desert Storm and on various deployments both across the United States and internationally. His service left a lasting legacy of courage and commitment.

Wayne had a passion for life that touched everyone around him. Whether he was strumming his guitar, firing up the grill for a backyard barbecue, or belting out karaoke tunes, he brought joy and energy to every gathering. He cherished time spent camping and being in nature. But above all, Wayne loved his family—especially the time he spent laughing, playing, and making memories with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Trina Reed Burbage. Though married for five years, their bond spanned twelve wonderful years of partnership and working side by side. Wayne is also survived by his loving mother, Janette

Turner; his children: Gene Wayne Burbage, Jr. (Kelli), James Erich Burbage (Allena), Nicholas Adam Burbage (Katie), Briana Marie Petrick (Wesley), Sierra Louise Varner, and Miranda Faith Varner; 15 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. He leaves behind two brothers, Samuel Kale Burbage (Melissa) and Grant Johnson Burbage; a sister, Donna Sue Ondrajka (Fred); numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of “adopted” children and grandchildren whom he loved as his own.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Gilbert Burbage; stepmother, LaRue Burbage; brothers, Glenn Edward Burbage and Marvin Gilbert Burbage; uncle, Daniel Newton Driggers; and his beloved son, Richard Edmond Burbage.

Wayne’s life will be honored on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC. A funeral service will follow at 12:00 PM at the same location. Burial will take place immediately after at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC.

Honorary pallbearers include Sammy, Grant, Gene, Erich, Nick, Wesley, Donovan, Reece, Griffin, Adam, Andrew, and Brady—his brothers, his boys, and his grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Wayne’s memory by singing a song, sharing a story, or gathering your loved ones around a campfire—just as he would have wanted.

Wayne lived life to the fullest, loved without limits, and leaves behind a legacy of warmth, humor, and unwavering devotion.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

AUG **16** (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens
11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Wayne. I love y'all. Hopefully you realize that Jesus is right there and willing to help you. He loves y'all. Lean on him. Prayers for y'all. With love from your Aunt Patricia (Shirley) Murray

Patricia Murray - August 29, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ 195 files added to the album Life Tributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - August 15, 2025 at 03:31 PM

MC

Sorry for your loss. Sounds like he was a wonderful man. The world will shine less brightly without him. May God stand by and comfort you all during this time. 🙏❤️❤️

Mildred Clark - August 16, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gene "Wayne" Burbage Sr..*



August 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene "Wayne" Burbage Sr..

August 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ *Wayne was the best friend I could ever have. He was always there, and supported even in rough times. I loved our time together in Germany. Thanks for the memories my friend!*

Rolla Randel - August 15, 2025 at 10:32 AM

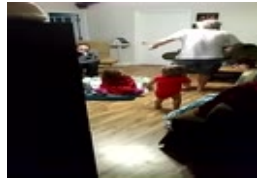


Wayne was a great neighbor. He was always there to help out when repairs were needed: when asked. Would keep you informed if there was something you needed to know. Stop on his way out to say hello when he saw you in the yard. He's going to be missed...but never forgotten.

Regina Greene - August 16, 2025 at 12:17 PM

RM

“ This was about 9 or 10 years ago. Wayne has always been there for Kodah and Sadie. He was such a great grandfather to them! You'll be missed buddy!



Russell Morrison - August 14, 2025 at 08:36 PM

TR

I'm just glad that he got to see and love on them while they were here .

trina - August 15, 2025 at 01:16 AM

AK

“ I met uncle Wayne when I was 16. He had the biggest heart, always made you laugh and always saw the bright side of things. I spent 32 years in the family and still think of them as my uncles. My heart breaks for his boys, for Trina and most of all mama! Rest in peace uncle Wayne! You will always have a place in my heart

angela keller - August 14, 2025 at 06:23 PM

MP

“ Will miss you until we see each other again. You left far too early Wayne. Losing my dear friend has been surreal. We had many wonderful times together. Forever friends. Marilyn Phillips

Marilyn S Phillips - August 14, 2025 at 03:02 PM