



Preston Wayne Poteat

September 28, 1946 - July 20, 2025

Preston Wayne Poteat, 78, of 5436 Walters Mill Road, Providence, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Sovah Health in Danville, VA after two months of declining health.

Wayne was born on September 28, 1946 a son to the late Willie Preston Poteat and Hazel Page Poteat. He lived all of his life in the Providence Community of Caswell County. He graduated from the former Cobb Memorial High School and was in the last graduating class from the school in 1964. Wayne was a United States Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War. He retired from his position as Manager of Facilities at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Danville, VA, following thirty years of service. Wayne was a lifetime member of Providence Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon and a former youth leader. He formerly held the position of scout leader for Boy Scout Troop 309 in Providence.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Linda Dodson Poteat, three sons, David P. Poteat (Shane) of Green Bay WI, John Poteat (Wendy) of Daniels West VA, and Michael Dodson (Sarah) of Yanceyville, NC, one daughter Christina P. Worley (Nathalie) of St. Petersburg, FL, six grandchildren, Cody Dodson, Morgan Buchholz, Zachary Worley, Thatcher Poteat, Gavin Dodson and Karsyn Dodson, two great grandchildren, Oakley Buchholz and Kolson Buchholz and one brother, Barry Poteat (Teresa) of Lewisville, NC. and

several special sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Graveside Memorial Service for Wayne will be conducted by the Rev. Mitch Cifers on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Providence Baptist Church, 5762 Walters Mill Road, Providence, NC 27315. The family will receive friends at the residence.

Wrenn-Yeatts Yanceyville is respectfully serving the Poteat family.

Cemetery Details

Providence Baptist Church Cemetery

5762 Walters Mill Road
Providence, NC

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Providence Baptist Church Cemetery
5762 Walters Mill Road
Providence, NC

Tribute Wall

ET

“ Praying for you all during this difficult time.
Your father was a great man.



Emily McFarling Torres - August 04, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DS

“ Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of
Preston Wayne Poteat



Debbie Smith - July 24, 2025 at 12:44 AM

TH

“ TheStrzalkowski, Josette, Amandine, Brook
purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of
Preston Wayne Poteat.



TheStrzalkowski, Josette, Amandine, Brook - July 23, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Preston Wayne Poteat.



July 23, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Preston Wayne Poteat.

July 23, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ Judy S Williamson lit a candle in memory of Preston Wayne Poteat



Judy S Williamson - July 22, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ Bruce, Christina & McKenna Cassidy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Preston Wayne Poteat.



Bruce, Christina & McKenna Cassidy - July 22, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DW

“ *The Poteat house was my second home growing up. Countless times spent with their family from the early 80s going forward. Mr Poteat was always a hard working man. He loved the Lord and wasn't afraid to share the Gospel with others. His serious expression belied a funny, somewhat devious and slightly wicked sense of humor! And I know for a fact that his children inherited that same sense of humor too. One of the funniest stories that I recall is when he boomerang'd a dead snake at John. No harm though, I think the trauma wore off after a few years. He had a penchant for spicy foods. He could down jalapeños like candy. I always thought that was a cool feat of strength. His love for sports extended to his children and directly impacted me as it was his son, John, that was relentless in his encouragement to me to come out for the HS football team. His favorite was baseball but nonetheless, thank you, Mr. Poteat for the second and third order effects of your 'love for the game'. He also introduced us to the greatest table sport their is...Foosball. It took a while, but I still remember when John and I, combined, finally managed to beat him. Lotta hours on that table! For the time he devoted in service of the Lord, as our Scout Leader at Providence Baptist church, running the audio at my wedding, helping my older brother secure a job at Goodyear (he just retired from that job), to the times that he offered words of encouragement while growing up...thank you, Mr. Poteat. I know your family, and so many others, will miss you, but we know it's only for a little while. May God bless and keep you all.*

Daniel Webster - July 22, 2025 at 12:05 PM

SW

“ *Sybil Williams lit a candle in memory of Preston Wayne Poteat*



Sybil Williams - July 22, 2025 at 10:30 AM

LB

“ Sending our love and prayers.....Lucy & Bo

Lucy G. Barringer - July 22, 2025 at 06:37 AM

BN

“ Wayne and I spent many hours working together at Goodyear starting in 1975. We were able to talk about “anything”. He made it possible to tolerate the pressures of industry by having a great attitude and we both delighted in making as much FUN as possible so those tough hours would pass quickly and painlessly.

The best was that he helped me transition from having a soldier’s attitude about life to having a Christian’s view of living for Him! He saved my life, both literally and spiritually, so I was lucky to have had him as a friend.

Wayne was one of the “Good Guys”!

Bob Nesselroade

Bob Nesselroade - July 22, 2025 at 05:50 AM

AW

“ To Linda and the entire family, I extend my deepest heartfelt sympathy. Keep trusting in the Lord and he'll see you through this.



Alexia K Watlington - July 22, 2025 at 02:16 AM

SC

“ *Lifting the family up in prayer and praying for God’s inner peace for the family in the upcoming days!*



Steve Poteat and Christeen - July 21, 2025 at 10:02 PM

CG

“ *Sending deepest condolences to the family. Craig & Cassandra Graves*

Craig & Cassandra Graves - July 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

DK

“ *I’m so saddened to hear of Wayne’s passing. Prayers for all the family.*

Dianne Keen - July 21, 2025 at 07:57 PM

RW

“ *So sorry to hear about Wayne, Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time .*



Ron & Donna Walker - July 21, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JC

“ Sending Prayers for the family 🙏



Joyce Collins - July 21, 2025 at 06:42 PM

CP

“ Clyde And Fay Poindexter lit a candle in memory of Preston Wayne Poteat



Clyde and Fay Poindexter - July 21, 2025 at 05:18 PM