



Wayne Wendell Mayes

March 5, 1958 - June 8, 2023

Wayne W. Mayes, [65], of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away after a seven month battle against Esophageal cancer on June 8, 2023, surrounded by his daughter and son-in-law.

Wayne was born to Marion and Ruth Mayes, on March 5, 1958, and he grew up in Southern California with his mom and three sisters until joining the Marine Corp in 1975. After his time serving our country Wayne pursued a career in sales, most notably in the insurance industry eventually opening his own business. In 1986 he married Somany B. Thuy and they welcomed a daughter, Michelle E. Gerni (formally Mayes) on December 9, 1988. In 1992 Wayne and his family relocated to Colorado where they would raise their daughter, and in 2008 Wayne moved to Las Vegas, Nevada to support his daughters passion to go to Fashion Design school.

Wayne was known for his big personality, love of cooking and food, passion for sales, his support for the military and veterans, and the vast knowledge he had on many different topics. He was always dressed sharp with a pressed shirt or necktie and often was seen wearing a newsboy hat (his hair piece as he would say) and carrying a book as he loved to read. Wayne loved all the people in his life and he loved to help those around him. Over the years he had worked with individuals in AA supporting many on their path to sobriety. Wayne's greatest joy was watching his daughter grow into the woman she is today. In recent years he loved spending time with his daughter and son-in-law having family dinners, watching football, and hearing about the life they

were building together once they relocated to Texas.

Wayne is survived by his daughter Michelle E. Gerni (married to Paul M. Gerni II). He is also survived by his sisters Janice Callahan and Susie Piohia (married to Naka Piohia), half-brother Mark Mayes, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces. Wayne was predeceased by his parents, Ruth and Marion, and his sister Brenda.

A celebration of life will be held on July 28, 2023 at 2pm, at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

*** Flowers for the family may be sent directly to the cemetery the day of the service (7/28/2023) ***

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will miss you. You may rest in peace.*

Bey Thuy - July 01, 2023 at 10:11 AM

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“ *Michelle, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. May you always remember the hood times and the love he had for you!*

Susie Piohia - June 24, 2023 at 11:11 AM