



Kevin Wayne Underwood

July 12, 1963 - November 10, 2020

Kevin Wayne Underwood, age 57, of Dardanelle, Arkansas passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2020. He was born July 12, 1963 in Danville. He was a retired law enforcement officer working for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for 30 years. He served as President and Vice President of Fraternal Order of Police. He was a member of Yell County Wildlife Association and the 2015 Yell County Wildlife Sportsman Conservationist of the Year. He was awarded Life City Certificate for recovery efforts in the Scott County flood where Arkansas Wildlife Officer Joel Campora and Scott County Sheriff Cody Carpenter died in a swift water rescue attempt. He is also a member of Arkansas Wildlife Officers Association and a member of First Baptist Church of Russellville. Kevin loved his family more than anything. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved the outdoors. He was a professional jokester.

Kevin is survived by his wife: Cynthia Lynn McCarley Underwood; parents: Bobby Odell Underwood and Nancy Becky George Underwood; daughter: Brittany (Sean) Basham of Clarksville; son: Josh Underwood of Dardanelle; daughter: Rachel Peeples of Russellville; daughter: Ellen Underwood of Ft. Smith; step-daughter: Kaylee Dykes of Seattle, Washington; step-daughter: Courtney Dykes of Oak Harbor, Washington; grandchildren: Emylee, Logan, Sophie, and Charlotte Basham all of Clarksville, Paisleigh and Beckett Peeples of Russellville, Kingston Morris and Kehlani Loftin of Oak Harbor, Washington; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and a host of many

friends.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Russellville with Greg Sykes and James George officiating.

Burial will be at Birta Cemetery. Family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, at Harris Funeral Home in Morrilton. Pallbearers will be Eric Pratt, Brad Brewer, Frankie Tucker, Clayton Rogers, Jeremy Conner, and Carter Witt. Honorary Pallbearers will be Gary Wood, Bubba Vance, Keith George, Jeremy Belknap, Aaron George, and Donald Frost.

Cemetery Details

Birta Cemetery

10146 County Road 329
Ola, AR 72853

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church- Russellville
200 S Denver Ave.
Russellville, AR 72801

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Wayne Underwood*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I went to school with Kevin. My ex husband, Gary and I were friends with him for many years. He was a funny guy. He liked to tease allot, but that was just his personality. He always had funny stories to tell and liked to see if he could make you blush. I lost touch with him in the last few years, but Gary always kept me updated on how he was doing. There are allot of good memories, with this funny, crazy guy. He will be missed by all that knew him. 😭
My Prayers and thoughts for all of Kevin's family and friends.*

Judy Annette - November 18, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin Wayne Underwood.*



November 17, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Kevin Wayne Underwood.*



November 17, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ I have known Kevin for 50 years having lived by him on 5th street back in the day. Kevin was the funniest person i have ever known. We had a couple of classes together at ATU. He could tell some of the most hilarious stories. It was always great to see him as he would lift your spirits no matter what he was going through.He loved his family and friends. Prayers for all his family. I will miss him. Mike Vernon

Mike Vernon - November 17, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin Wayne Underwood.



November 16, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Kevin Wayne Underwood.



November 16, 2020 at 04:07 PM

DH

“ Kevin was an easy going, great guy; We loved to visit with him at church, especially since Kevin knew all about Doise's old hunting grounds. And then one Sunday Kevin brought this pretty little blonde with a warm, winning smile to SS class with him (.talk about a match made in heaven!) Kevin was blessed to share the rest of his life's journey with you, Cindy. Our hearts go out to you and the family as you grieve Kevin's passing. We continue to love and pray for you.
/Doise & Carol Horn

Doise and Carol Horn - November 15, 2020 at 04:33 PM

GB

“ Deb and myself knew Kevin from the old days and into the Game Warden Days, He was allways so nice whenever we met. I will allways remember Him.
Our prayers are with you all during this time.

Grover- Deb- Brown - November 15, 2020 at 01:11 PM

GW

“ We are all at a loss with Kevin gone! We was in FFA together, working on a door for his gun case when he got his fingers in a mess! We just came eye to eye , I said are you ok ! Well no he wasn't ok! Went what we called possum knocking one night ended up with 2 coons and a possum , he said we treed them coon with a blond haired coon hound! Lot of memories with him ! A friend for life! I pray for comfort for Cindy Bob & Becky and the kids! He always was proud of his kids! Miss you bud! Love you!

Gary Wood - November 14, 2020 at 11:01 PM

TB

“ Kevin was telling me a story about going up on Mount Magazine with another Warden while the new park was being built.

They were having bear problems and they had a trap set so they were checking it.

They stopped to check a dumpster. Kevin was walking to it and got close when a young bear lifted its head out of the dumpster. It saw Kevin so it jumped out and started running.

Kevin took off chasing the bear and barking like a dog. He ended up treeing the bear after running about 50 yards 🐾.

Kevin put his hand up against the tree, looking up at the bear. He started baying like a dog that has him treed.

Kevin said that bear would look down at him and started clicking his teeth real hard at Kevin. He went back to the truck and the other Warden said he wouldn't have believed it if he hadn't seen it himself.

Of course Kevin was laughing the whole time he was telling that story. That is one thing I will miss the most is Kevin's laugh.

He had a real distinct laugh that told you he enjoyed life. I'll definitely miss him. He was a good friend.

Tom Berryhill - November 14, 2020 at 02:15 PM

BM

While Kevin and I were never assigned to the same district we worked many assignments together as Game Wardens. We always had a great time and everyone knew we were going to make memories when Kevin was around. I know the LORD GOD has already started showing he's love and compassion to the family and my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grief.

Brian Mckinzie - November 14, 2020 at 06:56 PM

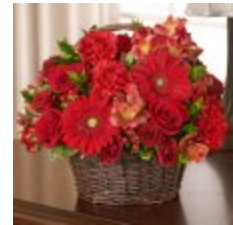
SV

“ I got to know Kevin after I learned that I had a similar kidney problem to what he had. Whenever we would meet around town, we would compare our medical treatments. Sadly, he had to do dialysis but I didn't. Then came cancer! It seemed like every time I saw him, it was more bad news. He was a fighter but this was a fight he couldn't win. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Shirley Vaughn - November 13, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Kevin Wayne Underwood.



November 13, 2020 at 08:58 PM

BO

“ Cindy, Kevin was a nice guy we are glad to get to know both of you in Sunday school. Our prayers are with you during this time. Bonnie and Lincoln Barr



bonnie-71@hotmail.com - November 13, 2020 at 06:37 PM

SA

“ So sorry Becky for your loss. Shirley and Alan Hodges

shirley ahodhes - November 13, 2020 at 06:27 PM