



Nathan W. Mayhew

February 22, 1935 - September 11, 2017

Words that we would use to describe our Dad:

Happy, Determined, Willpower, Loving, Dapper, Simple, Generous

Born in Brockton, Massachusetts on February 22, 1935. Son to Nathan and Louise Mayhew. The older brother to two younger sisters; Pat and Natalie.

Father/Step-Father to six children. Maria, Rhonda, Stephanie, Jennifer, Jodi and Nathan. When we became a blended family and our step sisters moved in with us, Dad opened his home and heart to his new daughters and accepted them with no reservations.

He was a Veteran of the United States Army who served in Korea at the end of the conflict. He often told stories of his escapades as the Company's Purser while he was stationed in Korea such as the time that he sent the General's plane to be serviced and it went "missing" only later to be found in Japan.

He was a happy man who enjoyed his life. He enjoyed a good joke, a good song to sing along to, and comfy chair to nap in. The old saying "he never met a stranger" applied to our Dad in every way. He would often stop to chat and pass the time of day with the people he met in his daily activities.

He was a man who had the determination and will power of a Rhino. He refused to let life set the bar of expectation for him. When his medical condition resulted in the loss of his feet, he did not let that slow him down. He

adapted and kept pushing on. If life gave him lemons, he didn't make lemonade, he made lemoncello.

One of our earliest memories of family gatherings is of Dad playing cards with the aunts and uncles. Poker, Spades, Eucker and Gin Rummy. Loud, raccus and fast. For the majority of our life, we thought that you couldn't play cards without yelling at the other players. You had to be on your toes to play cards with Dad as the many players at the Texas Holdem games will tell you. He also enjoyed bingo and bowling and took us all with him on his nights off to the alley while he enjoyed a few games and a beer or two.

A lover of words and a career newspaper man. He would read the news paper from cover to cover everyday. He passed on his love of words to his children. A rousing game of Boggle in our house could easily turn into Family Fued if you tried to pass off an unacceptable word.

As children we did not have a lot in the way of material things, but we had each other and our Father taught us that there was nothing greater or more important than family. We may have doubted a lot of things in life, but we never doubted we were loved.

Previous Events

Greeting of Family and Friends

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Natalie lit a candle in memory of Nathan W. Mayhew*



Natalie - September 17, 2017 at 11:10 PM

NP

Wayne was my brother and my best friend. We always managed a weekly phone call, sometimes talking for an hour and sometimes only for a few minutes at a time and I'll miss those phone talks terribly. I always looked forward to those times when he could manage to come up to Ocala to spend a day and sometimes a whole weekend with us. They were such special times. May you rest in peace "Bubba". I love you.
Nat

Natalie (Mayhew) Page - September 17, 2017 at 11:37 PM

 Lena Marie

“ *Wayne and my grandfather Chalmer were great friends. I was honored to have met Wayne on several occasions and he was always a joy to be around. He was a great man and I know he will be deeply missed. My thoughts and well wishes are with his family and friends at this time. God bless.*

Lena Marie - September 17, 2017 at 06:36 PM

JC

“ Jennifer, Nathan, Linda and family I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. He was such a sweet man and I will miss seeing him come in the office. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love a Joni Campbell



Joni Campbell - September 16, 2017 at 12:33 PM

RS

“ So sorry I couldnt make it today, wish I could have been there. Jen, your pops was a funny guy. I loved how he would get lost coming to our office every single time haha. He will be missed.



Ross Sealy - September 16, 2017 at 12:31 PM

Dana O'Shall

“ Uncle Wayne was always full of laughter and love. His memory will continue throughout our family as we honor his life.

Dana O'Shall - September 15, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ Uncle Wayne will be deeply missed. He was always a ray of sunshine that made others smile and laugh. He was a lucky-go happy person. His determination and drive (some may call it stubbornness) kept him going and for that he was loved. Uncle Wayne we love you and will miss you.



Anna O'Shall - September 15, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Nathan W. Mayhew.



September 15, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ *David Lamb* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Nathan W. Mayhew.



David Lamb - September 15, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ *Marla & Wahid* purchased the *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* for the family of Nathan W. Mayhew.



Marla & Wahid - September 15, 2017 at 11:42 AM



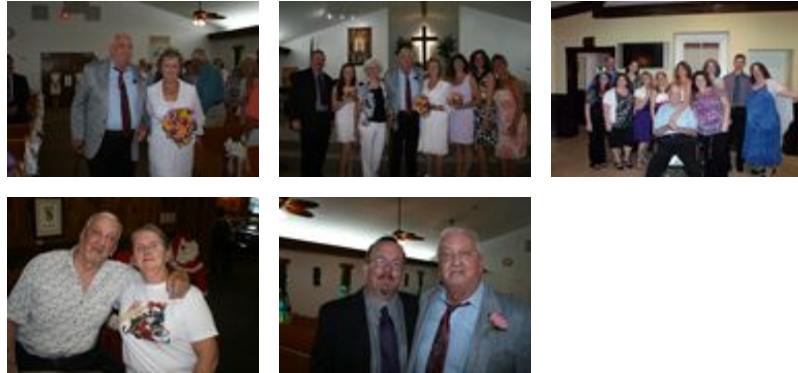
“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Nathan W. Mayhew.



September 14, 2017 at 03:07 PM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - September 14, 2017 at 12:35 PM



Thank you for the memories. Uncle Wayne was an amazing man. I feel so thankful to have had him as part of my life. Love him!

Anna O'Shall - September 15, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nathan W. Mayhew.*



September 13, 2017 at 09:39 AM