



## Wayne E. Waddle

June 12, 1923 - August 20, 2022

Wayne Edward Waddle, 81, of Cottonwood died August 20. He was born June 12, 1923 in Abbyville, Kansas to Elizabeth and Chester Waddle. He had an older brother Harold, who preceded him in death, along with his parents. His first wife, Barbara Cooper of Hutchinson, Kansas also preceded him in death. Wayne is survived by their four children; Kevin Waddle of Las Vegas, Nevada, Kimberly Penniman of Glendale, Arizona, Kristen Waddle of Fountain Hills, Arizona, Kirk Waddle of Cottonwood, Arizona and five grandchildren. In 1977, Wayne married Kathaleen Steinmetz Dean after their meeting at a class reunion in Hutchinson, Kansas. They have been married 26 years. Kathaleen (Katy) survives Wayne along with her three children, Rodney Dean of Houston, Texas, Terry Dean of Hutchinson, Kansas, Rhonda Harvey of Cottonwood, Arizona and seven step-grandchildren. He loved both of his families without reservation, and he was an anchor they could always count on, a role model, a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Wayne served active duty in the Navy during World War II in both Atlantic and Pacific Theaters. After WWII, he served in the Naval Reserves for seventeen years, retiring in Denver, Colorado. Following the military, Wayne worked for the Small Business Administration before retiring in 1972. He then owned and operated the Oasis Mobile Home Park until 1983. He then moved to Clarkdale, Arizona, where he enjoyed his full retirement years playing tennis, riding his motorcycles and traveling. Wayne and Katy attended the Verde Baptist Church where Wayne served as an usher for many years. He found

his greatest joy in being surrounded by family and friends. Now he will reunite with the family that preceded him, and his beloved Father in Heaven.

Home is the sailor, home from the sea. A visitation will be held Monday, August 23 in the Westcott Funeral Home from 4-6 PM. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 24 in the Verde Baptist Church at 11:00 AM. Burial will be in the Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson, Kansas.

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Wayne E. Waddle, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Kirk & Family: Our prayers are with you and your family as you mourn the loss of your father. We wish we were able to travel to the funeral service; however, please accept our apologies for not being able to make it. I remember your dad being a very great guy. He always treated me with respect, and he was always interested in me as a person. He shared his wisdom and his military pride with me on a number of occasions. Your dad always made me feel welcome in your home. When we read the obituary posted at the funeral home, it was made clear that your dad's life was full of joy because he loved his family. His passing will leave a void for you and your children; however, I know that although he has departed his mortal body, his spirit lives on. Our Heavenly Father's plan provides us an opportunity to benefit from the example set by Christ. Through His atonement and resurrection, each of us is able to follow in His footsteps and able to be reunited with our eternal family. We pray that you will find comfort and peace as you celebrate the life of a great father. Michael & Georgia

---

**Michael & Georgia Savage** - June 20, 2022 at 04:30 PM

JB

“ Kirk - I heard of your families loss, and want you to know you are remembered in many places, and we offer our deepest condolences. An old time friend - Joe Backus & Family

---

**Joe Backus** - June 20, 2022 at 04:30 PM

SC

“ Kristin & Family, I read of your dad's passing on the Verde Independent website. I'm so sorry and wish I could be there for you. You are in Craig's and my prayers & I think of our times together fondly. Your dad and Katy were always so gracious and hospitable. Bless you friend, sandy

---

**Sandy Carney** - June 20, 2022 at 04:30 PM

DH

“ RiP to both you and our family members who have proceeded us. We love and miss you beyond measure. Glad you are forever reunited in heaven. Thank you for watching over us and sending us more blessings as new babies to love &#x1f49d;

---

**Daira Harvey** - June 20, 2022 at 04:30 PM