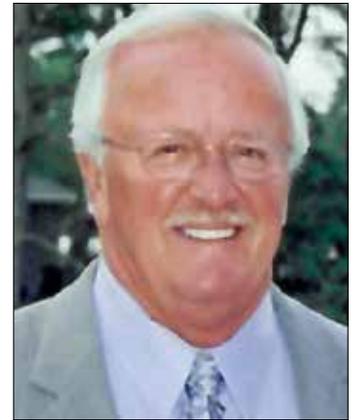




Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

## Wayne Clarke Sawyer, '63

August 14, 1943 - November 19, 2021



Wayne Clarke Sawyer, Sr., born August 14, 1943 passed away into the arms of his Lord & Savior on November 19, 2021. Son of Paul Clarke Sawyer & Virginia Weaver Sawyer, he grew up in the City of South Norfolk, now the City of Chesapeake. Wayne attended Rena B. Wright elementary & in the 2nd grade he met a very sassy, blonde, pony tailed girl who would be a very important part of his life for years

to come. In the small community, Wayne enjoyed dancing, playing football, baseball, ice skating & roller skating with his friends. He & his family were avid members of South Norfolk Baptist Church. At a very early age Wayne learned the meaning of hard work, spending time with his dad at the racecar shop. He fell in love with automobiles & racing them. Later in life he learned how to build motors with Billy Gwynn & ultimate thrill of drag racing. But most of all he loved spending time with his grandfather fishing & hunting.

At the age of 14, the Sawyer family moved to Wayne McLeskey's newly built Chesopeian Colony in Virginia Beach. He attended Princess Anne High School where he met his future wife, Sandy Parker. Wayne continued his education at Augusta Military Academy participating in football, wrestling, lacrosse & roller rifles. He accomplished the rank of 2nd Lieutenant & graduated in 1963. Multiple summers were spent working for PECK Iron & Metal learning to operate bulldozers, backhoes, forklifts & 18-wheel tractor trailers. He also enjoyed spending time on the

Pvt. 1; Cpl. 2, guidon; 2nd Lt. 3; Wrestling 2; Lacrosse 1-3; Roller Rifles 3; Cotillion Club 1-3.

Wayne is almost as smooth a talker as Jack is! Filled to the brim with the joy of living, it's hard to keep the sparkle out of his eyes. Wayne has the tightest circle of friends at AMA, and it's impossible to break in without an invitation. Doggedly determined, when Wayne puts his mind to something, no one can detract him from it.

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beach lifeguarding & surfing.

Wayne studied at Elon College and went on to marry his high school sweetheart, Sandy. They had three sons together, John Clarke Sawyer & twins, Wayne Clarke Sawyer, Jr. & Paul Sean Sawyer. His work & career began with JK Parker constructing mobile school classrooms. He was a field superintendent for John Aragona, Sr. & maintenance supervisor for Wayne McLeskey at Regency Apartments. For the next 7 years, Wayne assisted Mr. McLeskey with the building and management of Lynnhaven Dry Storage Marina.

After a life changing operation, he began a new career as a commercial real estate agent. In 1979 he was reunited with that sassy, blonde, pony tailed girl from the playground, Theresa Allard Brock. She introduced him to the game of golf which he accomplished a handicap of 8. He later became the president of Redwing Men's Golf Association in Virginia Beach and would eventually draw a group of investors to develop the Dominion Country Club in Hanover, VA.

Wayne joined the family business in 1987 at Richmond Fairgrounds Raceway. He took on the job of reconstructing the ½ mile flat track with 26,000 seats, redesigning it into a ¾ mile track with 14-degree banking and with that, Richmond International Raceway was born. Quite an accomplishment in six months time. When RIR was sold in 1999 to International Speedway Corporation, the speedway boasted 36 suites and 106,000 seats. He & Theresa returned to Virginia Beach in 2000. Because of his love of deep-sea fishing, he became a member of the Cape Henry Billfish Club & later held the titles of tournament chairman & president. He was also a member of the Hatteras Marlin Club as well as a founding board member of the Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament. He truly loved being a part of the fishing community and cherished his many friendships and comradery of his fellow anglers.

Wayne was a person who always wanted to help others & in doing so he was a great benefactor of the United Ostomy Society of America, CHKD, EVMS, Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, American Cancer Society, Virginia Beach Rescue Squad & BOD member of Home Now. He enjoyed serving on the BOD for Monarch Bank as well as Towne Bank and was a member of Trinity Church in Virginia Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Brock Sawyer of 43 years; his three sons, John Clarke Sawyer, Wayne Clarke Sawyer Jr., (Nicole) & Paul Sean Sawyer (Dena). Grandsons, John Parker Sawyer, Paul Clarke Sawyer, & Wayne Clarke Sawyer, III. Granddaughters, Roxanne Nicole Sawyer & Paula Grace Sawyer. His brother Bill H. Sawyer (Wendy); sister-in-law, Barbara Gaddy (Leighton) & three nieces, a nephew, four goddaughters & one godson.

A special thank you to Dr. Thomas Alberico, Dr. Michael Fabrizio, Dr. Greg Clifford, David Abraham, nurse Elisa Kasiski and Heather Kwiatkowski (Generations Home Health Agency), nurse Teri Smith, nurse Dana Suess (Suncrest Hospice). Generations treated our family with kindness & love through Wayne's journey, for that we are very grateful. Services will be held at London Bridge Baptist Church, 2460 Potters Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 on November 27, 2021. Visitation will be from 12-2pm with a service following at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to any of the above referenced charities. Online condolences may be made to the family at [hdoliver.com](http://hdoliver.com).