



Phillip "Wayne" Trice

September 29, 1953 - October 17, 2025

Phillip Wayne Trice, lovingly known to family and friends as Wayne, and affectionately called "Slim" during his military service, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025, at the age of 72. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, strength, love, and service that will live on through all who were blessed to know him. Phillip "Wayne" Trice was born on September 29, 1953, in Springfield, Tennessee, to Douglas and Naomi Trice. He proudly served his country as a U.S. Army Tank Commander and Drill Sergeant for 22 years, including service during Operation Desert Storm. Wayne exemplified discipline, integrity, and courage, carrying those values into every part of his life. Wayne began dating the love of his life, Gabriele Trice, 48 years ago, and together they built a strong, faith-filled marriage that lasted 46 beautiful years. Their love was a testament to patience, devotion, and unshakable faith. Wayne was a proud father to Diana, Marvin, and Natasha, and a devoted father to his late son Christopher. He also lovingly helped raise his half-daughters Sonja and Nicole, whom he cared for as his own. He was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, who brought him endless joy and pride. Wayne is also survived by his two loving sisters, Doreen and Pam, and a host of extended family and friends who will miss him dearly. After retiring from the military, Wayne continued to impact lives through his work at Cardinal Glass, where he spent 10 years earning the respect and admiration of his coworkers. Outside of work, Wayne was a devout minister and Christian leader, faithfully serving alongside his wife at their church. Whether through

his custodial work, singing in the choir, or simply lending a helping hand, Wayne's heart for service was evident in all he did. He loved watching old Westerns, gardening, grilling for family gatherings, and cheering for his favorite sports teams. His favorite animal, the eagle, reflected his own spirit — strong, proud, and free. Wayne will be remembered as a man who was hardworking, honest, generous, and deeply faithful. His belief in Jesus Christ guided every step of his life, and his family finds comfort in knowing that he is now home with the Lord, soaring high beside Him. A memorial service to celebrate Wayne's life will be held on Friday, October 31, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Roberts Funeral Chapel, where friends and family are invited to gather, share memories, and honor his incredible life and faith. Though Wayne may no longer walk beside us, his strength, laughter, and love will live on forever in our hearts. We know he is at peace — standing tall in heaven, in the presence of God he so faithfully served.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513-8914
(352) 793-7740

Previous Events

Family and Friends

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd Ave
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 537-8111
info@robertsfunerals.com
<https://www.robertsfunerals.com/>

Graveside Service with Military Honors

OCT **31**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My cousin Wayne! I could say a lot about him. According to our moms we were supposed to have been born on the same day however I got in a hurry and was born 3 days early. We had so much fun on ROSE HILL when we came to Mama Annis & Daddy Booker's on Saturday. He was always looking out for us. We all grew up and went our separate ways but the love was always there! He will be missed by all. Praying for Gabi, the children, grandchildren, Angela, Pam and the entire family. Wayne is at peace now no more pain and suffering. Take comfort knowing he is resting in THE ARMS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR! Gone but always in our hearts.

Love, Ann Etta Neblett Colbert, 1st cousin! 💕🙏💕 (my son was born on his birthday)

Ann Etta Neblett Colbert - October 31, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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“ My Big Brother or the Golden Child we called him from time to time, was always wanting to make his dad proud. He played sports in school and enjoyed all the many friends he had over the years. As our big brother he always wanted us to know he was in charge whenever dad was away. Him and I would get in trouble fighting about something. Our Mom made sure we stayed in church and my brother and I did a lot of things together, we were baptized together, dad taught us all how to play baseball and we would get back home from church and have our own church where he was the preacher, I was the singer and Pam was the congregation. Our parents provided the best life for us and gave us so much love. Wayne went on the Army where he became a hero to his family. He will be greatly missed and all the time we spent together and the great family that he and Gabi built together as wonderful memories and his greatest test was falling in love with Jesus. Rest in peace Big Brother. Love you always!

Angela Traugher - October 30, 2025 at 06:37 PM

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“ I remember long ago, when Mom, Dad, and the rest of us(RIP), were home for our usual family trip, and I would always ask where Cousin Wayne was. Everyone would always say,” well he is in the Army now at his station. Well on this particular day, after saying, I want to see my cousin cause I miss him, In Walks Cousin Wayne! He was on leave and came to visit! I will never forget him coming in and hugging Momma Annie and Daddy Booker, in his uniform looking like Dad, Uncle Raydell, and Uncle John! That picture of him, I will never forget because he became another one of my HEROES that day!! I LOVE YOU COUSIN WAYNE! REST NOW!
Eldred Todd Crocker Sr



Eldred Todd Crocker Sr. - October 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM