



Wayne M. Jewell

January 20, 2026

Wayne Michael Jewell, born on September 25, 1946, passed away on January 20, 2026. Born in New York City and raised in Teaneck, NJ, Wayne lived a life defined by his courage, free spirit, generosity, and strength. He was predeceased by his beloved parents, Earl and Sally Jewell. Wayne was the devoted brother of Arlene McNamara of Waldwick, NJ. He was a cherished uncle to Aileen McNamara and her husband Peter Borella of Philadelphia, PA; James McNamara and his wife Nicole of Waldwick, NJ; and Colin McNamara and his wife Donna of Old Tappan, NJ. He was a proud and loving great-uncle to Breelyn, Colin James, Brendan, Ciaran, Aidan, Regan, Declan, and Teagan, each of whom brought him immense joy.

Wayne graduated from Saint Cecilia High School in Englewood, NJ, and attended Bellarmine College in Kentucky, where he played baseball. He was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam. A decorated veteran who received at least one Purple Heart, Wayne was honorably discharged and remained deeply connected to his fellow veterans.

After returning home, Wayne joined the Teaneck Fire Department and served until his retirement around 1991. He later worked as a stone mason well into his 60s.

Wayne embraced life with enthusiasm. He was an avid golfer, expert gardener, Harley-Davidson enthusiast, passionate saltwater fisherman, and exceptional cook known for hosting Sunday dinners that brought loved ones together. Wayne also loved to travel, embracing new places and experiences

with curiosity and joy.

A final prayer service will be held at Maryrest Cemetery, 770 Darlington Avenue, Mahwah, NJ, on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10:30 a.m at graveside. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wayne's memory to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Disabled American Veterans, or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Wayne will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Avenue
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 23. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Wayne started on the Teaneck Fire Department on the same day that I did, March 29, 1971. He started on the day tour on the A Platoon and I on the night tour on the C Platoon. Wayne was a good firefighter, strong and hard working. He also worked for Aerial Ladder Chimney Service for years. May he R.I.P., prayers and condolences for family and friends.

Robert J. Montgomery - January 21 at 07:13 PM