



Steven Thomas Jaynes

August 13, 1955 - September 13, 2024

Steven Thomas Jaynes, age 69, passed away Friday, September 13, 2024. He was born on August 3, 1955 to Rufus and Ruby Jaynes of Rose Hill, VA. He was a 1973 graduate of Thomas Walker High School and a 1977 graduate of Berea College. He was a lifelong member of Silver Leaf Baptist Church in Rose Hill.

Steve joined the fire department when he was 16 years old and served as chief for 39 years. His dedication to the fire department helped countless numbers of families in the western part of Lee County. He had a true servant's heart and never asked for any praise or accolades. He was a state surface mine inspector for the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) for nearly 40 years. He was also known as an excellent marksman, garnering numerous state and national awards in benchrest shooting competitions.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Ruby Jaynes and lifelong friend, Keith "Mousey" Marcum.

He is survived by his sister, Nancy Jerrell and husband, Harold of Rose Hill, VA; his nephews, Scottie (Allison) Jerrell of Duffield, VA and Mark Jerrell of Huntsville, AL; niece, Kelli (Josh) Hughes of Marion, VA; the four prides of his life, Emilee and Andrew Jerrell and Jacob and Hunter Mooney. He is also

survived by the Thomas Walker Fire Department and Rescue Squad family, along with other countless friends.

The family will receive friends and loved ones on Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 2 until 4:00 p.m. at Silver Leaf Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow with Tim Varnadore officiating. A graveside service will be conducted immediately following the funeral in the Silver Leaf Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Thomas Walker Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 174, Ewing, VA.

Pall bearers will be John Cheek, Kyler Cheek, Clay Cheek, Robert Brockman, John Glass and Junior Long. Honorary pall bearers are Eddie Varner, Danny Hensley, Noel Hall and Josh Flanary.

Online condolences may be viewed or sent by visiting our website, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill is serving the Jaynes family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Silver Leaf Baptist Church
Rose Hill, VA

Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Silver Leaf Baptist Church
Rose Hill, VA

Graveside service

SEP **15** (ET)

Silver Leaf Cemetery
Old Nursery Road
Rose Hill, VA 24281

Tribute Wall

KB

“ A friend just brought this to my attention. Sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He and I were roommates at Berea College. - Ken Bradshaw, class of 1977.

Ken Bradshaw - May 28, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JW

“ We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Steve. He was one of my finest band students and I have lots of wonderful memories of him that will never be forgotten. Brenda and myself send our deepest sympathies to all his family.

Joe Weis - September 20, 2024 at 12:35 AM

DG

“ Nancy, Harold, and your family,
I am so sorry for your loss.



Debbie Garrett - September 16, 2024 at 12:22 AM

DB

“ Denis And Mary Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Thomas Jaynes



Denis and Mary Brown - September 15, 2024 at 01:25 PM

LO

“ We are so saddened by Steve's passing. His presence is a huge loss to his many friends and family, as well as to the whole community. Thank you for your service and all that you've done for so many. I will always treasure our conversations around the shooting sports that you so loved and were so gifted in. Thank you, my friend. Condolences... Larry & Brenda Owens

Larry Owens - September 15, 2024 at 08:31 AM

MW

“ Sending my condolences and keeping all of you in my prayers — Chris Singleton's mother (TWVFD)



Michelle Ward - September 15, 2024 at 12:15 AM

SL

“ So sorry for your loss.



Shelby Long - September 14, 2024 at 10:23 AM

RH

“ Prayers and comfort for the family.



Rikki Hammonds-Smith - September 13, 2024 at 08:56 PM

GM

“ Geri M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Thomas Jaynes.

Geri M. - September 13, 2024 at 08:46 PM

DP

“ Nancy and family, we send their sincere condolences upon the passing of your precious loved one. My God surround you with love and understanding.



Doris and Larry Presley - September 13, 2024 at 04:34 PM