



Wendell Anthony Hartfield

July 15, 1947 - August 13, 2022

Wendell Anthony Hartfield, 75, of Decatur, Arkansas, died August 13, 2022, in Bentonville, Arkansas. He was born on July 15, 1947, in Lumberton, Mississippi, to Walter Hartfield, and Louise (Brannigan) Hartfield.

Anthony graduated in 1966 from Bass Memorial Academy in Purvis, MS and earned his AA in Mechanical Engineering from Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, MS. After graduation he was drafted into the Army. He spent two years in the service and completed 1 tour in Vietnam. After his time in the service, he moved to Tennessee where he met the love of his life, Diana Adams. They were married on July 1, 1973 and settled in Tennessee. An avid fan of auto mechanics, he loved restoring Corvette's and later in life antique tractors. He could fix or build almost anything. Throughout the years he enjoyed backpacking, camping, hiking, spelunking, birding and water skiing. One of his many passions was travel. He & Diana took six months early in their marriage to drive to Alaska, a memory that they both cherished. After four years in Tennessee, Anthony & Diana returned to Northwest Arkansas to work at the family business, Adams Truss Inc. in Gentry. His experience working for McKee Baking in Tennessee lead to his long career as the shipping manager at Adams Truss. In 1980, he and Diana welcomed their only child Anna. He adored her and taught her all he could about gardening, woodworking, travel, camping, engines and how to work hard. He retired in 1998 and enjoyed keeping up their acreage outside Decatur. It was at this time that he became involved with Tired Iron of the Ozark's and took great

pleasure in building a mini hay baling machine which he operated at the annual shows in Gentry. As a life-long member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, his faith supported him through many hardships. He loved his family and friends deeply and had a positive impact on many people over the course of his life.

Anthony is preceded in death by both parents; stepmother, Mildred Mabry Hartfield; parents-in-law, Fred and Erma Adams; sister-in-law, Dolores Adams; and brother-in-law, Luis Monterde.

He is survived by his wife, Diana, of the home; daughter, Anna and her husband Tim McMillen, of Lincoln, California; sister, Paula Monterde, of Purvis, Mississippi; brother, Floyd Hartfield and wife Nellie, of Longbeach, Mississippi; brother-in-law, Dale Adams and wife Patricia, of Gentry, Arkansas; nephews: Brian Adams; Greg Monterde and wife Alexis Polis; Scott Monterde and wife Jill; nieces: Stephanie Williamson; Christina Hartfield; Amanda Ryan and husband Jeff, Jennifer Roberts and husband Shane; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2022, at Wasson Funeral Home, 441 W. Hwy. 412, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral service will be at Wasson Funeral Home Chapel, at 11:30 a.m., Friday, August 19, 2022. Burial will follow at the Fayetteville National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My lasting memory is how Anthony reminded me of my dad (Fred Adams) they had so much in common with their mechanical abilities and that spoke the same language so to speak
It's not by chance they the most productive years were during the time Anthony was employed there .
If you knew Anthony, you loved him or at least you respected the heck out of him no doubt .
He was to me the brother I never had , I'll miss his wisdom and compassion dearly ...*

Dale Adams - August 19, 2022 at 12:42 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Wendell Anthony Hartfield.*



August 18, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Wendell Anthony Hartfield.*



August 17, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wendell Anthony Hartfield.*



August 17, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *I got to know Anthony thru Tired Irons he was, a wonderful person He will be missed. Prayers for his family*



maxine foster - August 17, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ *What a delightful man that Anthony was. My sympathy Diana.*

dennis edmondson - August 16, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Glenn, Karylee, Jonathan, Alison purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Wendell Anthony Hartfield.*



Glenn, Karylee, Jonathan, Alison - August 16, 2022 at 01:00 PM

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“ One of the most profound memories I have of your dad is one weekend when I went home with you for a school break. Your dad drove us through the Ozarks at such a breakneck speed that I was CONVINCED my time to go was then and there. This is it-this is how I die. You and your mom were scolding him and he was taking no heed, so we careened around this corner and that with me clinging to the door and seat belt for my life. I chuckle every time I think of it and I'm pretty sure he got a kick out of my big eyes in the back seat. Lol! Just another day in your book. It's a fond (albeit scary) memory that I won't forget.
Love you all-sending hugs.
Meghan

Meghan Tschida - August 15, 2022 at 07:43 PM

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“ Diana and Anna, I am so sorry to hear about Anthony. He was such a nice man.



Renea Hill Ellis - August 15, 2022 at 08:58 AM