



## Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon

August 26, 1945 - June 25, 2019

Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon, 73, of Johnson City, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday June 25, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his family. Rusty was born to the late Mib and Nellie "Nannie" Wishon. He proudly served his nation in the United States Navy and retired after 26 years as Lieutenant Commander. Rusty was the former Pastor of Fishery Community Church in Erwin and also a long standing member of University Parkway Baptist Church. Rusty loved the Lord, his family and was dedicated to the service of others through the military and his Christian Ministry.

In addition to his parents Rusty was preceded in death by his sisters: Floranell Lawson and Peggy Carden, and brother Calvin Wishon.

Those left to cherish Rusty's memory include his loving wife of 51 years Jan Wishon, daughters: Angie Bell and Brandie Sanchez (Micheal), granddaughters: Breona Scott (Tyler), Jaden Carpenter, Teghan Sanchez, sisters: Margie Story (Bob), Sylvia Kirk, special nieces: Sandy Wolfer and Trevia Jones (Charlie) extended family: Richard Blankenship (Judy), Linda Faye Edmisten, Kate Cox, along with several nieces and nephews.

The Wishon family will gather to greet friends and share memories Thursday, June 27, 2019 at University Parkway Baptist Church, 219 University Pkwy Johnson City, Tennessee 37604, from 5pm-7pm. A Funeral Service will follow at 7pm with Dr. Mike Oaks, Rev. Scott Thompson, and Rev. Richard Blankenship officiating. A Graveside Service will be held Friday, June 28, 2019 at Mountain Home National Cemetery beginning at 10:45am. Pall bearers will be selected from family and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Amedisys Hospice and also the nurses and doctors of the VA Hospital and Vanderbilt Medical Center.

# Cemetery

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## Mountain Home National Cemetery

Mountain Home, TN, 37684

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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University Parkway Baptist Church  
219 University Parkway, TN, US, 37604

**JUN** **Funeral Service** 07:00PM

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University Parkway Baptist Church  
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**JUN** **Graveside Service** 10:45AM

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# Comments

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“ I've known Rusty and Jan for over 50 years. We were on the same submarine in 1968 to 1972. In a brotherhood of alpha males Rusty could always walk into a room and take over. I did get to visit with him and Jan in May and he was the same Rusty I always knew. Even near the end he was encouraging and loving to those around him. Rusty and Jan were instrumental in bringing me to Christ. Fair winds and a following sea, shipmate!

**Hank Price** - July 03 at 03:23 PM

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“ bobby and I just wanted to say how much we thought of rusty. bobby grew up with rusty in the projects and his first memory is of him in that amazing uniform. jan is such a precious person, we hated so much to hear of him passing.  
bobby della  
brown

**bobby della brown** - July 02 at 06:09 PM

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“ I loved the way Jesus shined through Captain Rusty! What a blessing! What a joy! What an inspiration to EVERYONE! I was so blessed to get to know him and his precious, precious wife and be bathed in their wonderful love for Jesus! Many prayers for this family who will be missing this dynamic man until they are reunited.

**Melody Shannon** - July 01 at 05:37 AM

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“ Brandi and family, I'm praying for you and I know your dear father is rejoicing with Jesus this day! Love, Karen Crumley and family

**karen crumley** - June 28 at 01:39 PM

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“ Vince Dainotto lit a candle in memory of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon



Vince Dainotto - June 28 at 09:53 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Rusty from Antioch Baptist. I know he is in Heaven with my dad right now, praising Jesus. They both fought a hard fight with cancer. My prayers are with you all!

Elizabeth - June 27 at 03:36 PM

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“ Rusty helped me many times with the ministry at the Baptist Center. He brought mission groups to help with maintenance needs there. He brought mission groups to share special days with the children and the adults. At several of our Thanksgiving meals he shared his life's testimony that was similar to the families living there, always telling them how much Christ had made a difference in his life and encouraging them to trust Christ with their lives. Rusty always had the joy of Christ evident in his love for people. He will be missed but we rejoice that he suffers no more and is in heaven with his Savior.

Love and prayers of strength and peace to Jan and family,  
Sam and Ginger Dalton



ginger dalton - June 27 at 10:50 AM

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“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon.



June 27 at 10:42 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Rusty’s passing. He was an amazing man. Prayers for the family.

**Rachel McConnell Diamondcrest** - June 27 at 03:30 AM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon.



June 26 at 11:42 PM

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“ Rusty was a good friend to all. At a young age he was tender and caring. God bless Jan and the family.

**Brenda Higgins** - June 26 at 11:32 PM

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“ So very sorry loss for your loss i loved rusty and jan to death they helped me out so much prayers for the whole family

**Jennifer williams** - June 26 at 10:01 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences Jan & Family. We served together on Henry Clay Gold while in the Charleston Naval Shipyard and several follow on patrols while home-ported in Pearl Harbor. See you again in the next life. Love, Jon & Cass Allen

**Jon Allen** - June 26 at 08:55 PM

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“ Alisa K Hughes lit a candle in memory of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon



Alisa K Hughes - June 26 at 08:53 PM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers during this time of sadness, losing a Loved one is never easy to accept. But knowing they have now entered Heavens Gates and no longer suffering is comforting to know.. Rusty will be joined by many family member, church members and lots of friends as God takes his hand and shows him around the Heaven he has been telling everyone about . May God Bless you all as you morn your loss!

Linda Welch - June 26 at 07:39 PM

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“ Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon



Wilma Jenkins - June 26 at 01:28 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon.



June 26 at 11:36 AM

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“ Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon



crystal anderson - June 26 at 11:33 AM



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon.



June 26 at 11:09 AM

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“ I have known Rusty since maybe 1952 or before, we lived in the same neighborhood on E Unaka and he, myself and Tommy Hager spent many moments playing together after school and all summer. I became reacquainted several years ago while I was volunteering at the patient information desk at JCMC and he came in to inquire about a patient status and saw my name tag and introduced himself, we had several meeting in the years that followed one being at my mothers funeral. He approached me and took his wallet out of his pocket saying he wanted to show me something. He pulled out a very old rather small black and white photo with crease marks in it of himself in a cub scout uniform. He said that your Mother and Mrs Hager had bought the uniform for him and he was so proud of it he didn't take it of for days and wore it often even if he wasn't go to scout meetings.

Seeing him in his uniform standing proud reminded me of this incident, My prayers are with your family for a quiet mind and a peaceful heart knowing Rusty is residing in heaven with other friend and family of believers.

Maybe when you find the strength to go through his personal effects you will come across the photo and realize how significant it was to him.

Harry Cook

Harry Cook - June 26 at 10:31 AM

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“ Randy And Donna Tucker lit a candle in memory of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon



Randy and Donna Tucker - June 26 at 08:56 AM



“ Audrey Fields Driver lit a candle in memory of Rev. Milborn "Rusty" Wishon



**Audrey Fields Driver** - June 26 at 07:42 AM