



## Frances L. Wayland

November 22, 1924 - May 20, 2016

Bluefield, WV- Frances L. Wayland, 91, of Bluefield, WV, died Friday May 20, 2016 at Karen's Christian Care in Princeton, WV.

Born November 22, 1924 in Welch, WV, she was the daughter of the late Robert A. Walk and Gertrude P. Duncan. Mrs. Wayland was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Bluefield. She was a long-time member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Mrs. Wayland organized the Summer Concert Series at Chicory Square. She helped to set up the Bluefield Little League and helped to have the fields built. She was recognized for her volunteer service to her community in 2003 by the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce with the Robert Francis Hamilton Award for superior community service. Mrs. Wayland also volunteered at the Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard F. Wayland, Jr. in 1983.

Survivors include her children, Charlotte Wayland of Houston, TX, and Rick Wayland of Leonardtown, MD; and two grandchildren, Rob Wayland and Mike Wayland of Leonardtown, MD.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Tuesday May 24, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday May 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Hugh Cole officiating.

Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley where Larry Ziegler, Rodger Woodrum, Jim McClanahan, P.T. Spangler, Sonny Wiley, Ben

Donevant, Denver Raines, and Bill Looney will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Darrell Sneed and Alex Ercoline.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 15120, Chicago, IL 60693.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Frances L. Wayland.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances L. Wayland*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Oh, such fond remembrances of your your mother ! My sincere sympathy for your loss.*

**rosemary lewis** - July 23, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *So sorry to read this. Not so long ago I ask someone about Frances. She was a classy lady who I loved. I'll never forget the one thing she told me, "Gerri, always gloves in the winter they protect your hands from aging." I still to this day remember that. Love to you in Heaven my friend.*

**Gerri Broyles** - December 26, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ *Will miss your warm smile and graciousness. You were always a true lady and an asset to Bluefield. God be with your family now as you peacefully sit with Jesus.*

**sharon Borich** - May 25, 2016 at 08:55 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Frances. She was such a fine woman. I worked with her in the early 80's at BRMC. She will be missed.*

**Terri Lightfoot** - May 24, 2016 at 07:44 PM

FW

“ From your friends at Willis Towers Watson purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Frances L. Wayland.



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**From your friends at Willis Towers Watson** - May 24, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ So sorry t here of Frances passing. She was a wonderful person and a friend of Bluefield. We met working the election polls many years ago and Frances was a joy to be with and share experiences. She had a creative and curious mind and a heart of gold. Our prayers go out to her family and many friends.

*James Stephen Leedy*

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**James Leedy** - May 24, 2016 at 12:01 PM

RL

“ We are so sorry to loose Frances as she was wonderful woman who we all loved. We met Frances working with her at Chichory Square and will always remembrer her for that. She was one firecracker that always made things happen and with a bang. To her children your mom was one special lady to all of the Bluefield Dance Theatre dancers and we will hold her in our memories for years to come. RIP sweet lady.

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**Randy Lamb** - May 23, 2016 at 09:54 PM

RL

“ *Frances was my dear friend. What a wonderful example she set for all of us with her love of community and service to our children. Frances an I spent many days and evenings watching our young people play baseball, basketball and football. She was also a gifted writer and speaker, always communicating her thoughts ever so eloquently. My heart is deeply saddened by her passing. I will cherish the memories of the two of us and I will always keep her close to my heart.*

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**Robin Lefler** - May 23, 2016 at 05:59 PM

LB

“ *Frances Wayland was a lovely, strong, caring and giving person! She always had a smile for people, a warm and calm spirit, giving of her many talents and a good mother, wife and daughter. When her father couldn't live by himself any longer, he lived with her. And, even though he couldn't drive any longer, Frances kept his car. It was parked in College Avenue Baptist Church's parking lot; Mr. Walk would walk to his car and just sit there for hours, enjoying his quite time, his space, and the scenery. I always thought, how caring of her to think of him and allow him to "do as he pleased" She was also my aunt's back door neighbor and would often stop and chat or comment on how nice her flowers were. She has been missed and will continue to be missed in the community BUT remembered for her giving and kind spirit. God's peace be yours!*

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**Lindsey Grubb Barilla** - May 23, 2016 at 03:46 PM

RP

“ *I'm so sorry for loss! I have know ms. Wayland she was my neighbor on union st. Blue field wva. Again so sorry ! May God comfort u and family!*

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**Ruth Price** - May 21, 2016 at 06:49 PM