



## Wayne Edward Stoffell

August 8, 1942 - March 8, 2020

FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA – On August 8, 1942, Wayne E. Stoffell was born on his family's farm in Knoxville, Tennessee, and on March 8, 2020, he rode off of his own family's farm in Fort Valley, Georgia, for the last time, only to be walking through the fields of Heaven, once again at his father's side. Funeral Services for Mr. Stoffell will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at Perry Presbyterian Church. The visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the funeral service will begin at 12 Noon. Interment will be in Perry Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. Mr. Wayne had always enjoyed bright flowers, which will gratefully be accepted, and memorial contributions may be made to Perry Presbyterian Church's Building Fund, 1111 S Second Street, Perry, GA 31069. In keeping with his love of bright colors, Wayne wanted everyone who attends his services to dress in bright colors. (Some may even choose to wear orange, the favored color of his beloved University of Tennessee!)

While Wayne was born on the family farm in Tennessee, he began helping his father of the family's dairy farm at a very early age. Once he graduated from high school, he continued working for his father, helping him make their own milk, ice cream, and other dairy products. Soon, he met and married the love of his life, Cathy Housley, and the couple soon had two beautiful little girls. With their children in tow, Wayne and Cathy moved to Peach County, Georgia, where they purchased the land and began their own dairy farm in 1970. Secondary to his cows were the thousands of pecan trees that he nurtured and harvested each year. Through the many years of developing various methods of milking and growing his herd to capacity, Wayne was awarded numerous trophies and recognition for his work in the dairy cattle industry. By the time he retired in 2011, Stoffell Dairy Farm was one of the largest in the Southern United States, milking 1000 cows daily.

Wayne Stoffell was a well-known farmer in the business, but he was most proud of the values and morals he had instilled in his family by exhibiting his personal relationship with God, with his wife, and with his family. He truly was a husband, father, and grandfather who protected, cared for, and provided for his family. His beloved UT Volunteers were not far behind his family in the realm of importance. He had always been a fan and enjoyed all of the times he was able to take his family to the games through the years.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, John and Evalyn Stoffell; his sister, Mary

Stoffell Purnell; and a granddaughter, Amber Sanders Smith.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Wayne are his loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Cathy Stoffell; his daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Bill O'Neal of Perry and Holly and Danny Sanders of Peach County; his son by choice, Aaron Lopez; his grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as Papaw, Lexi O'Neal Reilly (Art), Wayne O'Neal, Caroline O'Neal, Grace Peavy, Griffin Peavy, Holly Sanders, and Dani Sanders Hudson (Taylor); his sister, Margaret Smith (Don), his brother, John Stoffell (Sandra), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com).

Watson-Hunt Funeral Home in Perry, GA, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## **Perry Memorial Gardens**

2106 Highway 41 North

Perry, GA, 31069

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 10:30AM - 12:00PM

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Perry Presbyterian Church

1111 South 2nd Street, Perry, GA, US, 31069

**MAR** **Funeral** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Cathy, My heart is broken for you. Please know that in the weeks and months ahead, you all will continue to be in my prayers. Love, Jackie

**Jackie Klein** - April 03, 2020 at 02:28 PM

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“ I'm truly sorry to hear of Mr. Stoffells passing. I never new him but I worked for Sandra and Rick at Stoffell Excavating in Knoxville Tn. and heard them speak of him many times.

I was amazed to hear Rick speak of the size of the Dairy operation his uncle Wayne had.

I've lost touch with both Sandra and Rick but would very much like to have their contact information if possible. They were so good to me after I had my two strokes and I'd love to talk with them again. My phone # is 865-405-3247.

It sounds like Wayne was a WONDERFUL person and God loving man. I will be keeping you all in my prayers. May God surround you all with the comfort and peace that only He can provide at this time.

**Ted Greene** - March 11, 2020 at 12:37 AM

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“ Sorry to hear. Our thoughts and prayers are with you'll at this time. Ed and Sara Forbes

**Sara Forbes** - March 10, 2020 at 09:49 PM

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“ Our family moved from S. Atlanta to fort Valley in 1982. We knew Wayne and his family slightly. So they were the first family wecame to know here. They took us under their wing and it helped us adjust to a new place. My best memories are Wayne, Cathy and girls farming going to church, smiling, loving God, and welcoming us here. They told us of their experiencing the tornado coming nearby and sounding like the classic freight train. Wayne and Cathy taught us if there were pecan trees growing on each side of the road, you only pick up the pecans on your side of the road. Wayne, a fine son husband, and Father and friend. Wayne will be missed. Til we meet again on the other side of Eternity! Love, Ruth Barrett.

**Ruth Barrett** - March 10, 2020 at 03:31 PM

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“ Kathy Todd purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Wayne Edward Stoffell.



**Kathy Todd** - March 10, 2020 at 12:48 PM

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“ Love, Shoreline Church purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Wayne Edward Stoffell.



**Love, Shoreline Church** - March 10, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Stoffell.



March 10, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Cathy and Family! Please know you are in my thoughts and Prayers! This is a major loss for Peach and Houston County!!

**Ann Tribble** - March 10, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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“ I did not know Mr. Stoffell but I know he was an admirable man. His daughters and grandchildren, that I know and love, are a reflection of how well he loved and raised them. I am sincerely sorry and pray for his family's comfort and strength. Love, Vicki Andrews



**VICKI YAWN ANDREWS** - March 09, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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“ Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time!

**Bobby and Jean Davis** - March 09, 2020 at 06:15 PM

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“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Stoffell.



March 09, 2020 at 05:22 PM

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“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Stoffell.



March 09, 2020 at 05:22 PM

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“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Wayne Edward Stoffell.



March 09, 2020 at 05:17 PM

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“ Della, Linda, Jeannie and Becky purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Wayne Edward Stoffell.



**Della, Linda, Jeannie and Becky** - March 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you at this time.

Butch and Fronzie Skinner

**Butch and Fronzie Skinner** - March 09, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ Kathy, i am sovery sorry for your loss. Would like to hear from you. Ed  
gray8539@gmail.com your cousin in knox tn

**EDWARD GRAY** - March 10, 2020 at 08:58 AM