



Ernest Lee Layfield

April 12, 1950 - August 9, 2023

Ernest “Ernie” Lee Layfield, 73, of Delmar, passed away Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury.

He was born April 12, 1950, in Delmar, Maryland, a son of the late Charles Samuel Layfield, Virginia Lee (Shockley) Christopherson and Robert Christopherson, who raised him as if he was his own son.

Ernie graduated from Delmar High School with the class of '68. He spent his whole life on the family farm and continued to farm and raise chickens up until the time of his passing. He was happiest when out working the land and enjoying nature. Ernie loved traveling the shore to auctions, always looking for a deal for something to add to his collection of farm implements and lawn equipment. He was a life member of the Gumboro Volunteer Fire Company where he served for 31 years. He was also an active member of the Delaware State Fire Police and Sussex County Fire Police where he served as a past president. His memberships also included Line Church and Ernie was a charter member of the Delmar Ruritan Club.

He is survived by a sister, Peggy Ann Adams and husband, Sonny; brother Bill Layfield; sister, Ruth Wolfgang and husband Edwin; 3 nieces; 6 nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Edward Layfield.

A fireman’s funeral will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Gumboro Volunteer Fire Co., 37030 Millsboro Hwy, Millsboro, DE 19966,

where a visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00. The Reverend Amy Willey will officiate. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery in Willards.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Gumboro Volunteer Fire Co., 37030 Millsboro Hwy, Millsboro, DE 19966 or to Line Community Church, 18725 Line Church Rd., Delmar, DE 19940.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery- Willards, Maryland

Willards, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gumboro Volunteer Fire Co
37030 Millsboro Highway
Millsboro, DE 19966

Funeral Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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37030 Millsboro Highway
Millsboro, DE 19966

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest Lee Layfield*



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Very nice memorial

David Collison 76-32 - October 17, 2023 at 06:16 PM

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“ *RIP Ern, my thoughts and prayers are with the whole family*



Shirley Henry - August 19, 2023 at 08:58 AM



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“ *Ern You always made me smile no matter if you were only saying “I know it” or if you were telling me Aunt Virginia fell again crawling out the window to go to the bar. Always making people smile, you were good at that. Well now you crossed that finish line, your home now. Maybe if I make it up there you can teach me just once more how to milk a cow. I love you Cuz. Peggy Ann, Ruth, Bill my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Fly high Ern*

Debbie Cox - August 11, 2023 at 05:49 PM