



Wayne Norton Chestnut

November 11, 1939 - July 3, 2025

Wayne Norton Chestnut, 85, passed away at Spring Oak at Conway on Wednesday, July 3, 2025.

Born November 11, 1939 in Conway, Wayne was the son of the late William Hulon and Maybelle Holt Chestnut. In addition to his parents, Wayne was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Tarte Chestnut; a brother, William Arland Chestnut; a sister, Paula Edwards and her husband, J. P. Edwards; two nieces, Terry Edwards and Tonya Wenum and his brothers-in-law, Bill Tarte and Don Roush.

Wayne was a 1957 graduate of Conway High School. He received a Bachelors and Masters Degree from the University of South Carolina. Wayne was a retired foreign language teacher with the Horry County School District. He was an active member of Aynor Methodist Church. He was previously a member of Conway First Baptist Church and Aynor First Baptist Church, both of which he served in many roles.

Wayne was also an active participant of The Theatre of the Republic in Conway where he served with enthusiasm and dedication whether cast in a major role or walk-on or just ushering in the lobby. He was a charter member , was on its first board of directors and has been designated a Lifetime Board Member. He wrote the first history of The Theatre titled Magic to Do!

Survivors include Alan Rogers and his wife Yolanda of Surfside Beach; his grandson, Alex Rogers of Surfside Beach; his grand niece, Bellamy Kijamnong and her husband Daniel of Columbia; his brother-in-law, Fred Tarte (Gail) of Aynor, his sister-in-law, Allene Roush of Surfside Beach; his sister-in-law, Linda Terry (Dickie) of Columbia; and his sister-in-law, Judy Johnson (Dale) of Aynor, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A curtain call will be held at 3:00pm, Sunday, July 6, 2025 at Aynor Methodist Church with the Reverend Kelly Snelgrove officiating. Burial will follow at Aynor Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Aynor Methodist Church beginning at 2:00pm prior to the service on Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorial donations be made to Aynor Methodist Church, P.O. Box 348, Aynor, SC 29511 or The Theatre of the Republic, 335 Main St., Conway, SC 29526.

Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Aynor Cemetery

99 Jordanville Rd
Aynor, SC 29511-3652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Aynor Methodist Church
1007 Elm Street
Aynor, SC 29511

Funeral Service

JUL 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Aynor Methodist Church
1007 Elm Street
Aynor, SC 29511

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:10

Kathryn - July 09, 2025 at 02:20 PM

SJ

“ I couldn't be more saddened and disappointed than I am right now as, days late, I've just come across a Facebook post in which I learned of Wayne's passing. I then quickly accessed the provided link to his obituary, only to be further saddened to discover that I'd also missed Wayne's services... something that I would never have let happen had I known in time. As a fellow thespian of Wayne's for many years, my memories of him are far too numerous to mention, but please let it suffice to say that he was one of my most favorite people of the many, many folks who have come and gone with Theatre of the Republic and Main Street Theatre throughout the years. Wayne, I will truly miss you, your wonderful smile, and your uplifting attitude, but I'll find peace in knowing that you're finally reunited with your beloved Margaret. May God bless you both always, and may He bless your family and friends during this difficult time. So long old friend, please tell Margaret we said hello, and we'll look forward to seeing you both again someday.

Sam Jones - July 08, 2025 at 11:26 AM

DM

“ Deborah Murrell lit a candle in memory of Wayne Norton Chestnut



Deborah Murrell - July 05, 2025 at 10:15 PM

JH

“ Wayne was one of the most humble and kindest person I have ever known! I will always remember fondly the times we spent working on productions together! His role as Fagan was outstanding! He could truly handle whatever task came his way! I remember that voice like it was yesterday! RIP my friend! God has a true great talent in heaven now! Prays for his family!

J Hannaford - July 05, 2025 at 06:06 PM

PF

“ I loved Mr Chestnut. He taught me Spanish 1 & 2 at Aynor HS. He also taught me about other cultures and that has instilled in me a lifelong desire of learning about other peoples and their languages. Mr Chestnut was one of a kind who left this world a better place.

Phyllis Jollie Freeman - July 05, 2025 at 02:44 PM

VR

“ Condolences to the family. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you. We love you our family. Erroll and Vicki Rabon

Vicki Rabon - July 05, 2025 at 02:40 PM

PJ

“ What a wonderful caring talented individual Wayne was ! He painted a picture of my wife from photograph for me to give to her on our anniversary it's one my most treasured possessions. Wayne you will be missed
Smokey Jakey

Phillip Jakey - July 04, 2025 at 02:30 PM

NO

“ I remember Wayne at the theatre and he always had a smile on his face and always so complimentary to everyone. His presence will be missed. ❤️

Noreen O'Reilly - July 04, 2025 at 11:45 AM

EL

“ Wayne was such a wonderful part of my life at the theater. He was funny and kind. Wayne's artistry was on display in the backdrops and scenery he painted for plays and musicals. He also painted several amazing portraits that are still on display at the theater. Rest in peace Wayne. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Ellen Leftwich - July 04, 2025 at 11:16 AM

VB

“ My sympathy and prayers go out to Wayne's family and all who knew and loved him. I treasure all the memories I have of our younger days at the Theater. Wayne was a loving Christian. He was always kind, fun, generous and very talented. He was an amazing person. He will be remembered by many. Vickie Snyder Byrd

Vickie Byrd - July 04, 2025 at 10:40 AM

JJ

“ To the family: My wife Emma Lou, and I were dear friends of Margaret and Wayne through the Theater. I am out of town with family so I will be unable to attend Wayne's services but want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Wayne was a renaissance man in my opinion, way ahead of his time. He was humble, respectful, intelligent and very talented. A life well lived. He also was a true christian who showed his faith by the way he lived. Jimmy Johnson

Jimmy Johnson - July 04, 2025 at 08:49 AM