



## Irvin David Wise

June 15, 1947 - December 25, 2021

Irvin David Wise, 74, of Matthews, NC, passed away on 12/25/21 surrounded by his family.

David was born June 15, 1947, to Ruth Sivick Wise & Elam Frank Wise in Lawndale, NC.

David graduated from West Mecklenburg High School in 1966, where he enjoyed playing defensive end in football.

In 1967, he joined the US Navy. During the Vietnam War, he was stationed on the USS Wright, a floating command center out of Norfolk, VA.

David loved to work on cars & could fix just about anything. Over the years, he worked in many service departments including Young Ford, Park Chevrolet, City Chevrolet, Hendrick Honda, and Hendrick Acura. He loved to retell stories of cars they worked on or interesting customers that came into the shop.

When he wasn't working on cars, David loved fishing, hunting, woodworking, and teaching his children and grandchildren bad habits. During the summer, he could often be found at the beach casting his rod in the surf long before the sun came up. However, his "happy place" was in a boat on the lake. He thoroughly enjoyed the peaceful quiet of the lake, which should come as no surprise to anyone that knew him, as he was a man of few words. When he spoke though, he always had something important to say.

Over the years, David's love of "fixing things" evolved into "making things". One year, he tried his hand at making (jewelry) boxes, and just about anyone that knew him or met him after that time, received a box. He would design a box specifically for one person, and he would spend hours – DAYS – agonizing over every detail of the box. To the "untrained" eye, the boxes would be perfect and beautiful as soon as he put it together, but he would always find something that he wanted to improve. He wanted the gift to be perfect. That was how he showed his love to his friends and family – he made you a box.

Though he was a man of few words, David would talk your ear off to teach you something. Be it about how to fix something, how to fish, or woodworking, he loved to teach. If you showed interest in something, he wanted to help you learn all that you could.

Being the playful, kid-at-heart, jokester that he was, it was no surprise that he loved to teach his children and grandchildren bad habits. He taught his youngest daughter to flick peas across the dining room table with her spoon – a thought that still raises his wife's blood pressure, 30 years later. When his oldest 2 grandchildren were small, he taught them to dump BUCKETS of water out of the bathtub – trying to start a water fight, but only succeeding in soaking the hall carpet and aggravating Grandma, who had to clean up the water. That was the thing about David, if he was picking on you, or playfully aggravating you, it meant he loved you. He loved to tease and pick on people. He loved to laugh, and he loved to make other people laugh.

When he wasn't trying to make people laugh, he was trying to help people. He was a volunteer firefighter in Matthews for many years. He was a member of the Oasis Shrine Temple, Scottish Rite and rode with the Dune Cats in support of the Shriners Hospital. David loved riding his 3-wheeler in local parades. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge of Charlotte where he served as Master for a year.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Patty Wise of Matthews, his daughter Ashley Sell (Luke) of Davidson, his son Scott Honeycutt of Midland, his daughter Nikki Davis (Brian) of Indian Trail, as well as four grandchildren that were the lights of his life, Madelyn, Walker, Mason, and Samantha.

David's family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Michael W. Smith and his nurse Paula, as well as all of the staff at Tryon Medical. The tremendous support and care that they extended to David, as well as Patty, over the many years that David was a patient, cannot be put into words.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oasis Shriners Hospital, Healing Patriots ([www.healingpatriots.org](http://www.healingpatriots.org)), or a charity of your choice that reminds you of David.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Heritage Funeral Home - Indian Trail Chapel  
4431 Old Monroe Road  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

## Celebration of Life

DEC **31**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Irvin David Wise*



**Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services** - December 31, 2021 at 08:52 AM

HO

*David was a childhood friend. He was at our house everyday. Fun loving little kid. He turned out to be a good man.*

**Happy Cathey Osborne** - January 01 at 10:14 AM

CV

“ *What a truly wonderful man David was. The first time I met David was out at Lake Wylie. He was coming off the lake and I was just putting in. We talked for a few minutes and the next thing I know he's telling me what bait the fish were hitting and where he was having his luck catching them, well no fisherman ever tells his secrets. But later I realized that was just the kind of person he was always sharing his knowledge. David and Patty had a place down in Garden City. We made several trips down there mostly to work on the trailer but always time to go surf fishing which I didn't know anything about. So he rigged me up a rod and I threw it out and he said now just wait you'll know when you catch one. Every time my rod tip moved I would reel it in thinking I had a fish. After a while I noticed he would start laughing every time I did that, He proceeded to tell me that every time my rod tip was moving it was just the waves moving my line, after that he told me what to feel for. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him and I am honored to have been one of them. God Bless you my friend.*

**chuck vanderburg** - December 31, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Irvin David Wise.*



December 30, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Irvin David Wise.*



December 30, 2021 at 08:13 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Whitley Jones lit a candle in memory of Irvin David Wise*



**Brenda Whitley Jones** - December 30, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irvin David Wise.*



December 29, 2021 at 02:42 PM

MH

“ *Mary Justice Hedden lit a candle in memory of Irvin David Wise*



**Mary Justice Hedden** - December 28, 2021 at 04:32 PM

CF

“ I remember growing up how much time me and Scott played around the firehouse in Matthews because David and my dad, Marty Fleming were volunteer firemen in Matthews so many years ago. Growing up in the same neighborhood with them. Then when I had my daughter Nicole, when she turned 1 we had the most fun birthday party at my parents house, I found pictures of him with Nicole sitting on his lap! She adored David so much and so did the rest of the family. He was such a wonderful man. Even when Nicole got older we would still stop by and visit with them on time to time. We loved him so much. He will be missed but do many, but he is now in heaven with the angels watching over all of us now. My heart aches for the family. I will be praying for you all. Love you guys! 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️

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**Christy Fleming-Brown** - December 28, 2021 at 07:08 AM