



Wayne Merrill Akins

November 28, 1952 - April 9, 2023

Wayne Merrill Akins of Peachtree Corners passed away at the age of 70 on April 8, 2023. His passing was peaceful and marked the end of his three-year battle with cancer.

Wayne was born on November 28, 1952, to Royal and Mary Akins. He graduated from Lithonia High School in 1970 and went on to graduate from the University of Georgia in 1974. In 1984, he earned his Master's Degree from Mercer University. He enjoyed a long and successful career in information technology, starting off as a computer programmer and eventually moving into data architecture. He retired in 2018.

Never one to hold still, after retirement he enjoyed volunteering at the Georgia Aquarium and later at the Fox Theatre. He also continued to serve faithfully at his church, Peachtree Corners Baptist, where he has been an active member for 35 years.

Wayne was an outdoor enthusiast who spent much of his time hiking and camping. In 2019, he had one of his greatest adventures when, at the age of 66, he flew to Tanzania and summited Mt. Kilimanjaro. He also enjoyed running and completed the Peachtree Road Race twenty-five years in a row, from 1983 to 2007.

Wayne is preceded in death by his father, Royal Akins and his sister, Donna Rice. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Debbie Akins; his children, Amy Jarvis and husband Vic, and Ben Akins and wife Katie; his grandchildren Carson, Jamie, Caleb, Everett, Eila, and Liz; his mother, Mary Voncille Akins;

his brother, Joe Akins and wife Patricia; and his sister, Nancy Akins.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 1pm at Peachtree Corners Baptist Church. The family will welcome friends at the church prior to the service starting at noon.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the National Parks Conservation Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Peachtree Corners Baptist Church
4480 Peachtree Corners Circle
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

Tribute Wall

LG

“ I can remember many good times working with Wayne at ACS. I remember him as easy going and with a great laugh. I also remember his integrity and love of his family. And sometimes he would share veggies from his garden (and his wife's delicious cucumber salad recipe). We enjoyed lots of team lunches and sharing stories about growing up and our families. I know he will be greatly missed and hope my thoughts and prayers bring a little comfort.

Laura Garrison - April 13, 2023 at 09:57 AM

SJ

“ Wayne was my colleague then manager and always a very good friend amongst our Data General Family. I admired, respected and enjoyed my years with Wayne on Jay Bird Alley and then Ashford Green. He showed us all how to be a good person, to love your family and to be Christ-like in all that you do. My prayers are with family.

Steve & Cheryl Jones

Steve Jones - April 12, 2023 at 10:26 PM

DG

“ To Debbie and family, my sincerest condolences on your loss. I worked with Wayne at Data General for about 10 years. I never saw anything but a smile on his face. He was such a kind and generous friend. It was Wayne who encouraged me to run in the Peachtree for the first time. The world was truly a better place because of him. He will be missed by so many.

Doleen Gregg - April 12, 2023 at 04:31 PM

KM

“ Wayne and I became friends sometime around 1982 as we began to work side-by-side at Data General Corp's Atlanta Systems Division in Norcross. With a warm, gentle, and affable personality, Wayne was easy to like. Soon after I met him, he decided to quit the cigarette habit. As an outlet, he joined me for many after-work jogs around the Norcross area. He went on to run in an impressive 25 straight Peachtree Road Races. We worked together at Data General for about a decade. After that, we stayed in touch and I remember feeling his warm friendship when I'd visit his home with his sweet wife, Debbie. I watched his kids grow up, sometimes attending their afternoon ball games and such. Wayne loved his wife and family and was a great contributor to society. He was a giver, not a taker. I'm sure he never took advantage of a single soul during his life. I look forward to seeing you again, Wayne. Farewell for now.



Kim Medlin - April 11, 2023 at 09:26 PM

RQ

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Wayne. He was a great guy and I was glad to know him. I am sure that he and Gloria are having a great time together in the presence of our savior. I'm praying for all of you and thanking God that we have a reunion to look forward to.

Rick Quarles - April 11, 2023 at 08:12 PM