



## SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II

October 5, 1983 - December 9, 2024

Wayne Leon Hightower II, 41, of Fayetteville, NC, entered eternal rest on December 9, 2024. A beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend, Wayne's departure leaves an unfillable void in the hearts of all who knew him.

Wayne, known to many as “Kookie Bear” or “Skates”, was born on October 5, 1983, in Fayetteville, NC, to Wayne Hightower Sr. and Phyllis Hightower. Throughout his life, he demonstrated a deep sense of loyalty and love for his family. Wayne proudly served for 12 years in the North Carolina National Guard as a NCO, where he earned the respect and admiration of his fellow service members. Wayne’s creativity and passion for music provided many with happiness and joy.

He leaves to cherish his memories to his wife, Shaniqua Hightower, and their three children: Trenton, Brenton, and Brooklyn Hightower, who were the light of his life. Wayne is also survived by his parents, Wayne Hightower Sr. and Phyllis Hightower; his sister, Nikya Hightower; his beloved grandmother, Pearl Lytch; and Godfather, Curtis Smith Jr. He is further mourned by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, all of whom will remember him for his kind spirit and loyalty to those he loved.

Wayne's family, friends, and colleagues will remember him as a man of integrity, honor, and compassion. His legacy will continue to live on in the

hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Wayne Leon Hightower II will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May he rest in peace, knowing his life made a lasting impact on all those around him.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral

DEC 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Livestreaming

DEC 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton  
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

## Burial

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery  
8220 Bragg Blvd  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

# Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - December 17, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Kookie



December 16, 2024 at 03:17 PM

KM

I will miss your Smile an the greeting I got when I came to nc kookie kat Coy will Never forget u cousin 🥹 love u

kathy Mckoy - December 18, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ Our deepest condolences from your cousins in New York the Adams family



Antoinette Adams - December 16, 2024 at 06:56 AM

WS

“ 1 file added to the album Kookie



Wayne L. Hightower Sr. - December 15, 2024 at 08:45 PM

WS

*Kookie at the NC State Basketball Game!!*

Wayne L. Hightower Sr. - December 16, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.

December 15, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.



December 15, 2024 at 03:51 PM

SK

“ SGT Smith K sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Hightower II



SGT Smith K - December 15, 2024 at 12:38 PM

SS

“ SGT Kayla Smith lit a candle in memory of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II



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SGT Kayla Smith - December 15, 2024 at 12:37 PM

SS

“ Unfortunately I will be unable to make the funeral service but will be present during the livestream and in spirit. I worked with Hightower on Team 1 at MATES. He was such a great person and so funny. He knew his stuff too. I am grateful to have known him. I send my condolences to his family at this time of great loss. Rest in the most lovely peace and greatest power Hightower. 🙏👉❤️

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SGT KAYLA S SMITH - December 15, 2024 at 12:35 PM

SS

“ Today is the day we say our final words , not goodbyes, but see you later! We are deeply torn from the passing of our cousin , which was more like or brother. Growing up you would see one without the other, even going through schooling together. They knew us more like the Lytchmobb! Our moms being so close in age and me and Kookie being a few months apart we went everywhere with our moms together . For 17 years he was the only kid and known as the Toys “r” us cousin bc he was so spoiled. So many people have shared so many great memories of Kookie these past few days and it has helped me cope tremendously. From inspiring them to do the rap thing to being tech savvy and jail breaking fire sticks , he was super talented and smart. It was never a dull moment when Kookie was around . He was most definitely the life of the party . The one who had stories for day , the one who threw so of the dopest gatherings , he even got me to go camping 2x 😭. Whenever my messenger rang I would pick up and listen to anything he had to say and do his hair when he asked me to. He was 2 of my sons God daddy but bonded with son #2 .All I can picture is you smiling, laughing, joking, and let’s not forget dancing around! I love you Kookie sleep in peace with no more suffering !

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**Sharise S.** - December 15, 2024 at 10:51 AM

EM

“ We are going to miss you my friend and my brother



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**Elder Anthony McLeod** - December 15, 2024 at 10:47 AM

EM

“ SGT Wayne was a great friend and he was a wonderful dad and loving husband to my niece. If I had to say anything about him. I can truly say that Wayne was a man of honor and gratitude he never complained about anything. When It comes to family SGT Wayne was there. I love you my brother and my friend I will definitely miss you and I will always love you. Love Elder Anthony McLeod

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**Elder Anthony McLeod** - December 15, 2024 at 10:45 AM

DE

“ Darcell Elder lit a candle in memory of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II



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**Darcell Elder** - December 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM

DE

“ My condolences to all of the family during this difficult time . Now you can rest Skates❤️

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**Darcell Elder** - December 14, 2024 at 08:15 PM

DL

“ I Don't think that I'm ever gonna be able to get over this. You were my cousin but more like my lil brother it seems like yesterday we were allbat grandmas house laughing and joking together it just won't ever be the same without you cuz your Spirit and memory will forever love own with us you may be gone but you will never be forgotten You've got your wings now cuz just continue to watch over us like you always did making sure everyone was ok it's gonna be hard cuz without a major piece of the family is gone to a better place We will always love you and forever miss you cuz rest easy Love you!!! #CMMM LYCTCH MOB FOREVER!



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**Duane Lytch** - December 14, 2024 at 01:56 PM

JM

“ JM lit a candle in memory of Wayne Hightower II



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**JM** - December 14, 2024 at 10:31 AM

JM

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Hightower family during this difficult times. May God bless you with mercy, grace and comfort.

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**JM** - December 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM

PR

“ *Pastor Garry L. Gainey Sr. & Restoration lit a candle in memory of Wayne Hightower II*



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**Pastor Garry L. Gainey Sr. & Restoration** - December 14, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RJ

“ *Renee Jones lit a candle in memory of Wayne Hightower II*



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**Renee Jones** - December 14, 2024 at 09:25 AM

RJ

“ *Roy & Angela Jones lit a candle in memory of Wayne Hightower II*



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**Roy & Angela Jones** - December 14, 2024 at 09:24 AM

JF

“ *James L. Gainey & Family lit a candle in memory of Wayne Hightower II*



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**James L. Gainey & Family** - December 14, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.*



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December 14, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Mr. Hightower Sr. and his entire family. Just know that Wayne II is in very good hands with our Lord and Saviour. No more worrying about him just think of the fond memories that you all had while God loan him to you. He's called home for a reason that reason we will never know just take solace in knowing that he is taking a peace rest. God bless you all, Walter Moore.*

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**Walter Moore** - December 14, 2024 at 01:00 AM



“ *Nickii Berry purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.*



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**Nickii Berry** - December 13, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ *Deacon James L. Gainey & Jean I Gainey lit a candle in memory of Wayne Hightower II*



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**Deacon James L. Gainey & Jean I Gainey** - December 13, 2024 at 07:37 PM

JL

“ June Lampkins "June Lee" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.

June Lampkins "June Lee" - December 13, 2024 at 06:00 PM

JL

“ June Lampkins "June Lee" purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.



June Lampkins "June Lee" - December 13, 2024 at 06:00 PM

BW

“ Our sincere condolences to the Hightower family during your time of sorrow

Barbara Wright - December 13, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JG

“ Sending the entire family my condolences. 🌸 I am so sorry. Asking God to give you all peace & comfort.



Jessica Gordon - December 13, 2024 at 11:04 AM

CF

“ Chris and Deborah Beach & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.



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**Chris and Deborah Beach & Family** - December 13, 2024 at 10:42 AM

NF

“ Nehir Yardimci & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.



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**Nehir Yardimci & Family** - December 13, 2024 at 10:40 AM

MH

“ Mr. Eric and Virgi Harris purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.



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**Mr. Eric and Virgi Harris** - December 12, 2024 at 07:48 PM

WW

“ Condolences to Phyllis and Wayne Sr. and his Wife for the transition of your son, your Husband my Nephew. I am heart broken as well because he was a part of me. love you all. May you all find comfort in each other. Willene

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**willene williams** - December 12, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
SGT Wayne Leon Hightower II.



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December 12, 2024 at 06:19 PM