



Howard Wayne Slaten

April 29, 1941 - January 21, 2026

Howard "Wayne" Slaten, 84, of Decatur, passed away peacefully after a lifetime devoted to selfless service, quite compassion, and the well being of those around him.

Born and raised in Morgan County, Alabama, Wayne dedicated his professional life to education, serving many years as a dedicated school teacher in the Morgan County School District. He touched countless young lives through his patience, encouragement, and commitment to helping students grow and succeed. Upon retirement, he continued his legacy of giving back, always ready to lend a hand wherever needed.

Throughout his life, Wayne's greatest calling was caring for his family and others. He provided unwavering support and tender care for his beloved mother, ensuring her comfort and dignity through every stage of life. He was also primary caregiver for his sisters as their health was failing. Wayne took special joy in nurturing his nephews, loving and guiding them as if they were his own, and extending that same generosity. His kindness was never boastful or seeking praise. It was simply the way he lived, making the world a little brighter for everyone he encountered.

Wayne found fulfillment in the simple, meaningful moments, family time, helping neighbors, and knowing he had eased someone's burden. His life exemplified humble service, integrity, and love in action, leaving an enduring legacy in the hearts of all who knew him.

He is survived by his devoted nephews, extended family, former students,

colleagues, and a wide circle of friends whose lives were forever enriched by his presence.

A Graveside Service to celebrate Wayne's life and honor his memory will be held at Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Decatur, Alabama, on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 1:00p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests honoring Wayne's spirit by performing an act of kindness for someone in need, a fitting tribute to the way he lived every day.

Howard "Wayne" Slaten will be deeply missed, but his example of quiet strength, generosity, and love will continue to inspire those he leaves behind. May he rest in peace, forever remembered with gratitude and affection.

Cemetery Details

Shoal Creek Cemetery

1077 Shoal Creek Road
Decatur, AL 35603

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ Wayne and I were great friends throughout the years!! We were in the same grade at Priceville High School and have fond memories of all our classmates!!
Douglas Atchley

Douglas Atchley - January 27 at 04:20 PM

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“ Prayers for Wayne's family and memories of 1960 class of Priceville High School.

Lila Shaneyfelt Spurlock - January 25 at 03:22 PM