



Richard Wayne Buletza

February 20, 1947 - August 22, 2017

Richard "Wayne" Buletza, 70, of Charlotte, died Tuesday, August 22, 2017. He was born February 20, 1947 to George and Mary (Fabio) Buletza. Wayne was born in Teaneck, New Jersey, he attended The New York Military Academy. Following high school graduation Wayne became a professional musician/drummer in New York. After a few years as a musician Wayne quit and moved to California where he lived with his sweetheart Mary Urban. August 24, 1968 Wayne and Mary married and together created their legacy for 49 years. He was the lead drummer for the band Reinforcers where they performed for numerous special needs events throughout the state. Wayne also enjoyed photography, reading, his MG car, vacationing at their home in Key West and traveling with Mary in their motorhome to the different national parks throughout the country. He also loved his Collies, especially his current dog Cali. Wayne retired as the Assistant Superintendent of the EISD. Working with the special needs was a major part of Wayne's life. Above all Wayne loved his family, he adored his children and grandchildren, especially being able to watch his grandchildren's sporting events and activities.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Jennifer (Thad) Shank, Krisi (Aaron) Crandall, and Kaine Buletza; six grandchildren, Madi and Kate Shank, Riley, Reese, and Veda and Peyton Crandall. Wayne was predeceased by his parents, and brother George Buletza Jr.

Funeral Services are Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Hobson officiating. Visitation is Friday, August 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Ele's Place or Special Olympics. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Wayne on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

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AUG **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Wayne Buletza*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 25, 2017 at 12:39 AM



So awesome!

Angela Stanton - August 25, 2017 at 10:52 AM

SG

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stephen godin - August 25, 2017 at 09:34 PM

LC

“ *Wayne was such a great & giving man! He devoted most of his life to special needs students and was very supportive of the Adult Handicap Program at the EISD and volunteered his drumming skills to our dances! He left too soon and will be greatly missed. Linda Cobb*

Linda Cobb - September 05, 2017 at 05:47 PM

AK

“ I feel so blessed to have known Wayne and had him as the supervisor in my career. He was supportive, encouraging and patient. Wayne was a spirited person who engaged in so many ways with so many people. My thoughts have been with Mary, their children and grandchildren. His energy and effort for children with special needs created a organization that surpassed any others. And that is a legacy that will always live on.

anne keane - September 05, 2017 at 04:52 PM

CH

“ Mary....John and I are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. What a lovely, Christian man. Blessings to you and your family. And a spare hug, too sent with this message. John and Carolyn Hill

Carolyn Hill - September 05, 2017 at 09:57 AM

MD

“ Wayne's Olivet College family is deeply saddened by this loss. He was an excellent teacher and mentor who has left a legacy for the future in the teachers he helped prepare. He will be greatly missed by his OC colleagues and alumni.

*Maria Davis
Provost and Dean at Olivet College*

Maria Davis - August 27, 2017 at 08:40 AM

JT

“ Wayne made a real difference in the lives of children in Eaton County. A man of integrity and insight, he led with his heart. Rest In Peace my friend and colleague.

Jon Tomlanovich - August 27, 2017 at 07:02 AM

VH

“ We were saddened by Wayne's sudden passing.
Kathii and I send the family our sincere condolences.
Prayers for comfort and healing.

Virginia and Kathi Hicks

Virginia Hicks - August 26, 2017 at 11:57 AM

JT

“ Dear Mary,
Although it has been many years since our lives have crossed, I
have fond memories of you and Wayne as fellow BCPS colleagues.
So very sorry to learn of Wayne's passing and thinking of you at this
sad time in your life.

*Jane A. Tiedeman (retired BCPS OT)
Crossville, TN and Cudjoe Key, FL*

Jane A. Tiedeman - August 25, 2017 at 05:19 PM



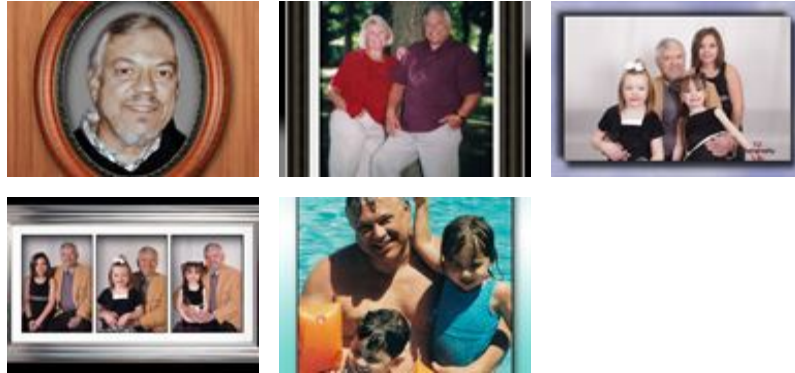
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Richard Wayne Buletza.



August 25, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 24, 2017 at 11:31 PM

BA

“ *Oh, Wayne. Oh man. you were taken way too soon my dear colleague. I worked as an O.T. for years at EISD. I had many changes in Supervisor's. Wayne, but YOU were my favorite. We had many fun and not so fun talks. HA. You truly helped and supported me so much over the years at EISD. Thank you for supporting the EISD staff you supervised and helped to moved forward...and helping and assisting families and children along the way. It was wonderful to read about your family...kids and Grand kids. I'm sure you were and will continue to be a hit there. Mary, I'm so sorry for your loss. As i said, Wayne... you were taken too soon. You are in God's hands now. Rest in peace.*

Bonnie Anderson - August 24, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Buletza.*



August 24, 2017 at 07:52 PM

BW

“ *Mary & Family*
So sorry to hear the Lost of your loved one. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Bob & Gloria Wilson

Bob & Gloria Wilson - August 24, 2017 at 03:41 PM

AV

“ *Wayne was a good guy. Liked and respected by many. He'll be greatly missed. My sympathy to his family. Al Vercellino*

Alex Vercellino - August 24, 2017 at 09:00 AM

CR

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.*
Tom and Cindy

Cindy Raymond - August 24, 2017 at 05:46 AM

AW

“ *Wayne was one of my first Professors. I remember walking into his class and I did have he pre-req for the class. I was so scared as a freshman and Wayne was there to help me through. He never gave up on me and I will be forever grateful. I am now entering my fifth year of teaching and I couldn't of done it without Wayne and his team at Olivet.*

Amy Whitesall - August 23, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Buletza.*



August 23, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ *Krisi,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
May god be with you all in this time of sadness and the many more emotional days to come. I am so glad you were blessed with such a great dad and mom i know your birth mother is probably waiting at heavens gate for your father to tell her what a great lady they raised. She im sure is looking down on you and your mom today with great sadness as she sees your tears. I myself am happy you were placed with such loving parents and im sure you are missing your dad so he sounds like he was an awesome dad to you. My heart goes out to your entire family my deepest condolences to you all..
Much love to all of you
Wendy morton*



Wendy morton - August 23, 2017 at 03:32 PM

LW

Krisi,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have fond memories of the fun times at your house with your dad being goofy and trying to embarrass you. My condolence to you and your entire family. Please give your mom a hug for me. I am so sorry to hear. He will always live in your heart.

I am so sorry for your loss I know close you two were.

*Hugs and love to you and your family,
Les*

Leslie Wiesenfeld - August 24, 2017 at 08:57 AM

GK

I was sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He was someone I truly enjoyed knowing and working with when we were both directors of special education. My condolences to the family.

Gene Kyle - August 24, 2017 at 06:31 PM