



## Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge

November 12, 1945 - November 25, 2021

Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge passed away on Thanksgiving, Nov. 25th, at his home, trusting in God's sovereignty in all things and surrounded by loved ones. He was born December 12, 1945 to Benjamin Garvin Ridge and Lillie Waldon Ridge. He was a musician and businessman who was also talented at repairing electronics of all types. He used his abilities to start his own business, Ridge Music and Electronics, which he operated with his wife, Edith, for over 50 years. He enjoyed talking to his customers, helping local churches with sound systems for their worship services, and encouraging budding musicians by listening to them play a little and then picking up a guitar to join them. He believed there was tremendous talent in North MS and loved promoting local artists. He was also an amateur radio operator (K5YPV) and from a young age was able to communicate with people from all over the world, long before cell phones made it easy. He loved to go exploring and that included traveling to new places, meeting interesting people, camping, visiting historical sites, and just driving down a country road to see where it led. In his later years, his adventures often included his grandchildren as he enjoyed teaching them and spending time with them.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Mauney Ridge, his daughter Angie Ridge Taylor (David) of Saltillo, two sons, Benjamin Ridge and Jeff Ridge of Ripley, four grandchildren; Kathryn Corley Taylor of Boston (formerly Saltillo), Samuel Ryan Taylor of Saltillo, Benjamin Jayden Taylor of Brookhaven/Saltillo, and Andrew Ridge Taylor of Saltillo, and a host of extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Larry Ridge.

A private graveside service will be held for family.

In lieu of flowers, please share a memory on the condolences site of McBride Funeral Home and take a moment to appreciate God's gracious gift of music.

# Tribute Wall



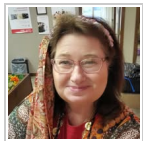
“ Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ I've known Wayne & Edith for over 50 years & they are both GREAT people & good friends. My sincere sympathy to Edith & their family. Ripley, Miss. certainly won't be the same without him.

Thomas B Hunt - January 06, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ Stephanie McClintock lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



Stephanie McClintock - December 22, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Wayne Ridge. A very good man with a sweet wife running their business. I have bought a lot of Saxophone Reeds from his Music Store.

Jerry Barnes - November 28, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ Our deepest condolences. Wayne and his family served Tippah County in business for many years. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the family at this time.

Mike & Linda Harrison - November 28, 2021 at 09:09 AM

JM

“ *Jim And Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge*



Jim and Tammy Miller - November 28, 2021 at 08:32 AM

JC

“ *Johnny Childers lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge*



johnny childers - November 28, 2021 at 07:56 AM

SS

“ *I went to school with Wayne for all 12 years. He was a very talented and interesting person, and I am very grateful that I was blessed with his friendship. Wayne will be greatly missed. Prayers for his family.*

*Sheila Hurt Simpson*

Sheila Hurt Simpson - November 27, 2021 at 10:25 PM

RG

“ *Ronnie & Martha Grisham lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge*



Ronnie & Martha Grisham - November 27, 2021 at 08:35 PM

EG

“ I loved Wayne and bought a number of things from him through the years, especially harmonicas for my Down’s syndrome brother Junior Raymer. Wayne will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Edith and the family. You were always kind, helpful, and caring! Thank you.

Estelle Gadd - November 27, 2021 at 07:49 PM

KR

“ I remember first meeting him back in the 70s... I bought an 8 track tape player and speakers from his Ridge Music / Radio Shack store ... Karl Bullock help me pick out some tapes...lol ... Wayne was always helpful with any questions I had about anything electronic wise... It was a pleasure to know him all these years...

Kenneth Rainey - November 27, 2021 at 04:53 PM

IW

“ Inez And LARRY WINKLES sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge

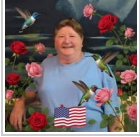


Inez and LARRY WINKLES - November 27, 2021 at 10:47 AM

PD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Wayne and Mrs. Edith played such an integral role in me and many others becoming musicians. I always loved going into the store and cutting up with him and playing guitar with him up there whenever I could. He was a great man and will be dearly missed.

Parker Davis - November 27, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge*



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**Lois Watson** - November 27, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *Wayne was one of my first employers. He was a life long friend. Always very kind to me. Wayne was a great man that will be missed by many.*

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**Joe B Morton** - November 27, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Edith and family...I am so sorry to hear about Wayne's passing. I have so many memories of the Ridge family from my earliest childhood. Wayne's mama, Mrs. Lillie, was one of my Mama's best friends. Mama worked some in Ridge's general store. I loved going with her sometimes and just watching the going on. I could usually hear music coming from the new Ridge Music Store next door. Such a happy, comforting atmosphere. I got my first guitar when I was 12. After that I was in the music store more often buying guitar strings, picks, capos, etc. It was always a pleasant experience to come in y'all's store! Benny bought my second guitar from Wayne many years ago for a surprise Christmas present. I think when people think about music in Tippah County they will always remember Wayne! May God bless and comfort all of you in this sad time. 🙏🏻*

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**Marilyn Yancey Harrell** - November 27, 2021 at 08:20 AM

JH

“ Jimmy Hancock lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



Jimmy Hancock - November 27, 2021 at 06:58 AM

RS

“ Ruth Spires sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



Ruth Spires - November 27, 2021 at 06:53 AM

VB

“ Vicky Bullock lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



Vicky Bullock - November 27, 2021 at 02:28 AM

SR

“ So sorry to hear of my dear friend Wayne's passing. We have been friends since the mid 1960s. We played music together 100s of times. Always enjoyed visiting his store, loved his wife Edith and his children. I will miss my friend, thoughts and prayers for his family.

Stanley Rolfe - November 26, 2021 at 10:54 PM

M“

“ Michael Smith “AC5RK” lit a candle in memory of Benjamin “Wayne” Ridge



Michael Smith “AC5RK” - November 26, 2021 at 10:36 PM

AH

“ Ava Heavener sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin “Wayne” Ridge



Ava heavener - November 26, 2021 at 08:32 PM

CH

“ Charlotte Hopkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin “Wayne” Ridge



Charlotte Hopkins - November 26, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ Wanda Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin “Wayne” Ridge



Wanda Smith - November 26, 2021 at 06:39 PM

FC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time. Your family will always hold a special place in our hearts. May God grant you peace and comfort.

Frances Cappleman - November 26, 2021 at 05:28 PM

TG

“ Terrye Grisham lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



Terrye grisham - November 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss. Ronnie and Deborah Hurt

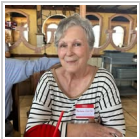
Deborah Hurt - November 26, 2021 at 05:19 PM

LB

“ Lonnie And Bonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



Lonnie and Bonnie Brown - November 26, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn of Wayne's passing. We were classmates, from early elementary school. He will be missed by so many. Barbara Carter, Class of 1964 South Tippah High, Ripley.

Barbara Carter - November 26, 2021 at 04:43 PM

LC

“ Linda Carr lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



Linda carr - November 26, 2021 at 03:44 PM

TD

“ Teressa Davis lit a candle in memory of Benjamin "Wayne" Ridge



teressa davis - November 26, 2021 at 12:36 PM

WD

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