

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

Gary Lynn Hagy
May 10, 1956 – July 9, 2026

July 16, 2026 1:00pm

Williamsburg United Methodist Church
Williamsburg, Virginia

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF GRACE AND GREETING

*HYMN *In the Garden* UMH 314

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray.
You know our needs before we ask, and you know our ignorance in asking. Give us now your grace, that, as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die, and when our days are accomplished, help us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

HOMILY Pastor Madison Ailinger

WORDS OF FAITH AND REMEMBRANCES

Hebrews 12:1-2 Mark Hagy
Colossians 3:12-14 Amy Hagy Baumgardner
Remembrances Wesley Sperry, (on behalf of
Emily Hagy)
Friends

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SOLO *How Great Thou Art* Lou Anne Smith

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails you are still God. We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all everywhere who grieve with us this day. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, give strength; to all who have sinned, show mercy; to all who sorrow, grant your peace. Keep our love for one another true and strong. And help us always to trust ourselves and one another to your everlasting love. Amen.
O God, all that you have given us is yours. In the beginning, you gave Gary to us. So now we give Gary back to you. Receive him into the arms of your everlasting mercy; Raise him up with all your people in glory. Receive us also, and raise us all up into new life to serve you in this world and in the world that is to come. Amen

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

BENEDICTION

SOLO *God Be with You till We Meet Again* Lou-Anne Smith

POSTLUDE

Following the service, please join us for a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Gary Lynn Hagy

Gary Lynn Hagy, 70, of Williamsburg, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 9, 2026.

Mr. Hagy was born on May 10, 1956 in Abingdon, Virginia. He was the son of David M. and Georgia Holbrook Hagy. On June 28, 1986, he married Beth Ellen Sperry at the United Methodist Church in Hyde Park, New York.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Hagy was preceded in death by his brothers, David

Wayne Hagy and George Rogers Hagy; his father-in-law, Page W. Sperry, Jr; and his sister-in-law, Pamela Sperry Bendyk.

Mr. Hagy is survived by his wife of 40 years, Beth Sperry Hagy; daughter, Emily Noelle Hagy; sister-in-law, Eva Jane Hagy; a special niece and nephew, Amy Hagy Baumgardner (Steve) and Mark Rogers Hagy; his mother-in-law, Gwenyth P. Sperry; brothers-in-law, Mark P. Bendyk and Wesley Sperry (Dawn); and sister-in-law, LouAnne Sperry Scherb (Brian).

Affectionately known as "Uncle Grits", Mr. Hagy is also survived by several northern nieces and nephews: Joshua Bendyk (Taylor), Sarah Nicolato Norcross (Phil), Caroline Bendyk, Bryan Sperry (Lucy), Erin Sperry Hogan (Clay); several great nieces and nephews, many cousins, dear friends and neighbors, and a chocolate lab whom he named "John Boy".

A graduate of Abingdon High School, class of 1974, Mr. Hagy received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Emory and Henry College and his Masters of Science degree in Environmental Health from East Tennessee State University.

Mr. Hagy enjoyed a long career (42 years) with the Virginia State Health Department serving in several capacities in Richmond and on the Peninsula. He retired in 2021.

Mr. Hagy was a devoted husband and father. He was friendly, out-going, thoughtful, kind, patient and had a marvelous sense of humor. He enjoyed sports, particularly college football, and played baseball and football in high school and then continued to play football throughout his 4 years in college. He was a loyal fan of the St Louis Cardinals and helped coach a local baseball team with his friend, David Crowder. Mr. Hagy loved to play games, especially cards, and enjoyed playing with a monthly poker group. He also enjoyed participating in a Fantasy Football League with family and friends, naming his team "Hagy's Hounds". Mr. Hagy was active with the band boosters at Hornsby Middle School and Jamestown High School when his daughter played in the band.

A memorial service will be held at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church at 500 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA on Thursday July 16th at 1:00 PM where Mr. Hagy was a member, followed by a reception at the church. Burial will take place privately.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Heritage Humane Society, 430 Waller Mill Road; Williamsburg, VA 23185 or to the Lab Rescue LRCP, P.O. Box 1814, Annandale, VA 22003.



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