



Maurice "Mike" Ayars Jr.

April 27, 2026

Maurice Waddington "Mike" Ayars, Jr, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2026. He was 79 years old. Mike was born in Salem, NJ, the son of the late Maurice W. Ayars, Sr, and the late Ursula Loman Ayars. He attended George School, a Quaker boarding school in Newton, PA, then went to Juniata College for two years before transferring to the University of Maryland (College Park), where he graduated in 1969 with a major in Marketing and a minor in Computer Science. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to the USS Fearless, a minesweeper based in Charleston, SC. He became one of three Minesweeping Air Controllers in the Navy and swept mines from Haiphong Harbor in Vietnam for six months. He was awarded a Navy Achievement medal for his service.

After leaving the Navy, Mike worked for Powell Electronics in Maryland, Miami, and Philadelphia. He was asked to move to Philadelphia to be a liaison between users and the computer department. Later, he was the lead for implementing SAP, a German/U.S.-based company whose software runs whole businesses. He headed the marketing department, started the purchasing department, and was "Doctor SAP" for the company, overseeing training until he retired in 2013.

In retirement, Mike was able to relax and enjoy traveling, riding his bike, and, of course, attending many local soccer games (Go Philadelphia Union!), but he also gave back within the Quaker community, holding several positions over the years. He led the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Young Friends

program for many years, served on the board of Friends School Mullica Hill, serving as treasurer and clerk of the Finance Committee, and was awarded the Dorothy Kramme award for Board service. He was the recording clerk for the Salem Quarterly Meeting Steering Committee. In Woodstown, he served as the Woodstown Monthly Meetings clerk for several years, and also served on the special building committee to make the meeting house ADA-compliant, as well as several other committees. He was a resident of Friends Village in Woodstown, NJ, after serving on the Board of Directors there for many years. Mike is survived by his sister, Lynda Wilkinson of Severna Park, MD, and his godson, Shawn Hopson of South Mills, NC. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 1 PM at Woodstown Friends Meeting, 104 N Main St, Woodstown, NJ 08098. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in his name to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).
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Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Woodstown Friends Meeting
104 N. Main St.
Woodstown, NJ 08098