



Harold Dean Wade

July 12, 2017

Harold Dean Wade, 78, of Tomball, Texas, passed from this life into the next on July 12, 2017, at his home accompanied by his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Grobe Wade and his daughters, Lorie Wade Addison and Julie Wade Crum.

Harold was born October 1, 1938, in Booneville, Mississippi to Oren and Hester Mae (Armstrong) Wade. He graduated from Holcut High School in 1957. He completed an associate's degree in Education from North East Mississippi Junior College and finished his Bachelors and Masters in Education from Memphis State University.

While in college and during his early career, he served as a non-commissioned officer in the Mississippi Army National Guard and the Tennessee Air National Guard. In Memphis, he taught and coached at the Sherwood Middle School.

Harold's life was dedicated to education, and specifically to education from a Christian perspective. He served as a dormitory director for Lubbock Christian University and as an administrator of Lubbock Christian School in Lubbock, Texas. He served as the Superintendent of Dallas Christian School, in Mesquite, Texas, Fort Worth Christian School, in North Richland Hills, TX, and Westbury Christian School, in Houston, Texas.

In other areas of vocation and service, Harold served as a manager for University Inns (a dormitory management group) at Texas Tech University, San Diego State University, and The University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). He was also a Regional Director of Development for Eastern European Missions and served as a fundraising consultant for Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kansas.

Harold was one of the founding board members for the YMCA of North Richland Hills, Texas. After retirement, he worked with his wife, Beth, delivering marriage enrichment seminars and encouraging healthy Christian relationships in the Houston metropolitan region. He was a dedicated member of a local church throughout his life and served as a non-paid minister and preacher on numerous occasions. He participated in multiple mission trips domestically and internationally and encouraged his children to always follow the call to service to the Prince of Peace.

He is survived by his wife, Beth G. Wade, his children: Len Wade and wife, Lisa, Lorie Addison and husband, Glenn, Jonathan Wade and wife, Jodie, Jennifer Shewmaker and husband, Stephen, Julie Crum and husband, Andy, and his grandchildren: Nikki Addison Lee and husband, Brian, Austin Addison, Landon Wade and wife, Nicholl, Luke Wade, Logan Wade, Anne Wade, Rylan Shewmaker, Nathan Wade, Catherine Shewmaker, Ian Crum, Annalee Crum, Alexandra Shewmaker, Binyam Crum and Joseph Crum, his great grandchildren: Lainey Lee, Camden Lee, and Kinsey Lee, his siblings: Lyonel Wade and wife, Maxine, Myra Wade Underwood, Vonceil Wade Enlow, Hoyt Wade and wife, Joan, Mackey Wade and wife, Margaret, in-laws: Lottie Wade, Charlene Wade, Judy Johnson, Ginger Herbert, Terri Lowry and husband, Kevin, and a number of dearly loved nieces and nephews and friends and co-workers.

He passed in peace as he lived, surrounded by love.

Many of you know Harold Wade as Mr. Wade, former coach, teacher, Principal, Superintendent and avid supporter of education, and a strong advocate of Christian education.

To honor Harold's long time support of Christian education, Jennifer and Julie are starting a COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP in his name. "Daddy was a first generation college graduate, and he saw education as important, with education from a Christian worldview as life changing. Our goal is to help at least one person a year attend a Christian university in Daddy's honor through the Harold Dean Wade Memorial Scholarship."

If you want to be part of honoring Harold Dean Wade in this way, you can:

* send contributions to the Community Foundation of Abilene

CFA

500 Chestnut Suite 1634

Abilene, Texas 79602

✦ Be sure to designate the donation for the Harold Dean Wade Memorial Scholarship Fund. ✦

* Donate online! Visit

<http://cfabilene.org/gracious-giving/>

Just go to the bottom of the page, put in the amount you want to give,

- click "in Memory of" or "In Honor of,"
- type in "Harold Wade Memorial Scholarship"
- click "Donate Now."

We look forward to working with many whose lives were impacted by Daddy to impact even more lives for generations to come.

Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Bill And Debbi Delony lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Bill and Debbi Delony - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *Frogene Bruton-Normand lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



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TB

“ *Thelma Boyle lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Thelma Boyle - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Harold's smile will be missed at our class of '57 reunions. He was a good friend to us all. We are here for you Beth.*

Katie Stricklen Morton - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Katie Stricklen Morton lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



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RW

“ *Ron & Candi Whiteurst lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Ron & Candi Whiteurst - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Webster Baptist Church sends our condolences to your family. We pray for God to help you through these times ahead. We are thinking of you all and praying for you all. Sheila Bennett*

Sheila Bennett - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *I am very sad to hear of Harold's passing. My parents, Don & Elinor Roberts, and I worshiped with him and Beth at Westbury many years ago. And I remember Tomball supporting Jonathan on a mission trip, later. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Lynn Roberts Grice - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Lynn Roberts Grice lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade



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KN

“ Our Love and prayers to each of . You. What a Wonderful Blessing it was to know Mr Wade , and still remember you Mrs, Wade teaching our Bible class at LCH.. and meeting you years later in Houston @ Memorial Road .. sorry I have not stayed in touch more r

Kevin & Monica Nance - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Monica Anderson Nance lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade



Monica Anderson Nance - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dearest Beth & precious family, our thoughts & prayers for comfort & strength are with you now. We love you, sweet Beth!

Scott, Linda, Katie, David & Benjamin - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Scott, Linda, Katie, David & Benjamin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



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TH

“ *Our prayers are that God will provide you with comfort at this time of lost.*

Terrence and Urissa Hunter - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Terrence And Urissa Hunter lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Terrence and Urissa Hunter - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *We love you and are praying for you. May God strengthen you and comfort you in the days to come.*

Cynthia and Julio Cedeño - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Deb Hannon Franks Bonds lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Deb Hannon Franks Bonds - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Rocky and I remember Harold fondly, as he mentored both of us in teaching at Westbury Christian High School. His wisdom, humor, and thoughtfulness set a standard that we both try to emulate as we teach.*

We are so sorry for your loss and are praying for t

Rocky and Debbie Williams - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *David & Dorothy Smelley lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



david & dorothy smelley - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Linda Bowling Clark lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Linda Bowling Clark - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We have many fond memories of your years in Lubbock. Harold was an encourager and always looked for the good in others. You and he were an example to others. May you find peace and comfort in God's love.

Don and Beth Sikes - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

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GB

“ Gary And Judy Bowe lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade



Gary and Judy Bowe - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ We send our love, prayers and sympathy to you, Beth, and to all of your family in the passing of our dear friend and Christian brother, Harold. He was a fine man, an encourager to all and a dedicated advocate of Christian education. His influence contin

Gary and Judy Bowe - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Larry Tuckier lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Larry tuckier - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Our prayers are with you Beth, and the entire family, as we share the loss of Harold yet rejoice that he has been such a Christian influence in the lives of so many. Harold was my first encouragement to serve as an elder in the church. His influence will*

Greg & Sandra Hughes - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Greg & Sandra Hughes lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



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JL

“ *Joe And Sylvia Liles lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



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AF

“ Aaron And Cindy Deister And Family lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade



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NB

“ Naomi June Bradford lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade



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CB

“ Cathy Mcanally Bonds lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade



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BS

“ Beverly Stanford lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade



Beverly Stanford - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Linda Watson lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Wade*



Linda Watson - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM