



Mr. Littleton H. Wade

November 22, 1933 - June 23, 2019

The season of earthly life for Littleton Hiawatha Wade came to a close on Sunday June 23, 2019 at a local hospital. He entered into eternity surrounded by the loving presence of his family. He was preceded in death by his wife Sadie C. Wade, sons, Barry O. Wade and Roy Little and Ricky Crowder; parents M.D. and Hurley Wade, and siblings: Ulysses Sr., Travis Sr. Bobby, Herbert, Pauline, and John.

Growing up in a large family he had many stories of hard work on the farm and mischief with his brothers and sisters. The Wade family really didn't need outside entertainment because they loved being together laughing and telling endless stories about the origin of family nicknames! A favorite memory for Littleton was the taste of his mother's strawberry cake.

As a young man growing up in rural West Tennessee he had a dream, an almost impossible dream at the time, to study science. He often talked about his first time riding the bus to Nashville with one small suitcase and a few dollars in his pocket to enter Tennessee State University. As an undergraduate student he pledged Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and made the Dean's list many times as a result of exceptional grades. He was fascinated with learning and earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology. A hard worker and good student; he furthered his education by pursuing a Master's degree in chemistry.

He served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1953 – 1957 stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. Upon returning from military service he worked in the Department of Pharmacology at Meharry Medical College. During his 30 year tenure teaching medical students he also presented and co-published many scientific papers.

He was described in a local newspaper article as “brilliant but humble” in the laboratory. He ended his working career at the Alvin C. York VA in Murfreesboro, TN. He enjoyed working in the laboratory and sometimes, during the summer, took a grandson to the lab and explained the inner workings of the various machines and types of experiments. He was simply finding something for a grandson to do! That grandson is now a fourth year PhD student in pharmacology at Vanderbilt University.

His beloved Baker’s Chapel CME Church was a second home. Even when the church services were held at various area churches after a devastating tornado leveled the Baker’s Chapel Church building he held fast to the belief that God would see fit that the church wouldn’t die. For seven years, until the completion of the beautiful new structure he attended the church services wherever they were held, never tiring of the different locations, driving 20 miles one way from his home in Brentwood every Sunday. When the three crosses went up on the edifice of the church he talked about those three crosses for weeks! He loved the people of Baker’s Chapel CME church – he said they embraced him as a young man and he never left. He spoke often and lovingly of church members like “Mama Mattie” and others. Baker’s Chapel Church really fed his spirit (and often his stomach). He served enthusiastically as Superintendent of the Sunday School at Baker’s Chapel Church for over 50 years. A couple of years ago he even joined the choir! If anything was happening at the church he wanted to be there. Recently, he found great pleasure from the fellowship with the Kingdom Men Group.

He loved his grandchildren and would stop at nothing to support and encourage them. He found anything they participated in enjoyable. He loved watching one grandson play football. He loved being called granddaddy. His grandchildren and later, great grandchildren, were the smile of his life.

He received many awards throughout his life. He was especially honored to be recognized by the African American Heritage Society of Williamson County for serving 10 years on the Williamson County Planning Commission.

He will be so missed by family and friends. He leaves cherished memories, daughters LaFranca Wade of Kingstowne, VA, Linda Wade-McClinton of Oak Park, IL, and Trevor Crowder of Nashville, TN; grandchildren Brittney Wade, Brandon Wade, Breana Wade, David Crowder, Mark Crowder, Carlos Perry and Makesha Flournoy, five great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law: Cynthia Howard Little of Jackson, Tn., sister Joyce (Murlyn) Cole of Dyersburg, TN and brother M.D. (Mae) Wade, Jr., sisters-in-law Virginia Wade and Alberta Wade of Alamo, TN, Mary B. Walker and Eleanor Bright of Brentwood, TN, Numerous other nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins, the entire Baker's Chapel CME Church congregation. Lifelong friend William Carter and good friend Paul Corley.

Cemetery Details

Old Liberty Cemetery

5585 Johnsons Grove Road
Alamo , TN 38001

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Baker's Chapel C.M.E. Church
206 New Brick Church Pike
Goodlettsville, TN

Service

JUN 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Littleton H. Wade*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Our prayers go out to your family from James and Juanita Polite of Nashville, Tennessee, members of Williamson Chapel CME Church. Juanita worked with him at Meharry. Very devoted to his job there and Veterans Hospital in Mufreesboro. Sorry for your loss. God Bless*

james& juanita polite - July 05, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *My father Wilbur Kail grew up with the Wade Family. My thoughts and prayers are with the Wade Family.*

Martha Kail-Henderson - June 29, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *Jimmie Mae Dawson Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Littleton H. Wade*



Jimmie Mae Dawson Hudson - June 28, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ *You will be missed Uncle Littleton.*

Danette Pitts - June 28, 2019 at 12:20 AM

MM

“ *Martha Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Littleton H. Wade*



Martha Moore - June 26, 2019 at 11:36 PM

TP

“ *Mr. Wade will be truly missed!*



Tiarra Patten - June 26, 2019 at 02:59 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Littleton H. Wade .*



June 25, 2019 at 10:15 PM

RD

“ *I remember Mr. Wade as always being at Bakers Chapel and his enthusiasm with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Whenever he saw u we would hug and give u a kiss on the cheek! Always we missed u! He has been a beacon of love and joy to our Bakers Chapel Family!!*

Rhonda Cantrell Dunn - June 25, 2019 at 09:28 PM

JH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Littleton Wade. Jimmie Mae Dawson Hudson*

Jimmie Mae Dawson Hudson - June 25, 2019 at 07:36 PM



Jennifer Sherrod

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Jennifer Sherrod - June 25, 2019 at 05:20 PM

MM

When I relocated from KY and became a member of Baker's Chapel, I met this GENTLEMAN who I came to admire and respect. When I had knee surgery, he & Pastor Harris called and visited to see if I needed anything. It was so very nice having conversations with him and dinner when we had events after church!

I will miss his smile, hugs and everything he did. I will miss you so much Mr. Wade & when you enter the gates of Heaven, you will become an Angel, which you were to so many here on earth.

Rest In Heaven!!

Martha Moore - June 26, 2019 at 11:54 PM

GH

“ My prayers go out to the Wade family. Special prayers for my daughter and granddaughter, Brittney Wade and Little Ms. Raniyah Buford. Mr Wade often came to my home to visit with his great granddaughter, where ever she was at. We would enjoy a good meal and good conversations with our family. You will be missed Mr.Wade go ahead and take your Rest. You’ve earned it!! GOD BLESS!!

*Gail Horton and Family
Nashville, Tn.*

Gail Horton - June 25, 2019 at 05:12 PM

JB

“ Condolence From The Blakeney Family. 🙏❤️
May My Heart Be With You Zelda(Cookie)



Joann Blakeney(Phila.50+WCCC) - June 25, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of
Mr. Littleton H. Wade .



June 25, 2019 at 12:23 PM

CL

“ May God comfort you and your family in your hour of grief. --
Reverend Claudette Abney

Claudette - June 25, 2019 at 11:21 AM

LL

“ Love, Cheryl Lockert purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Mr. Littleton H. Wade



Love, Cheryl Lockert - June 25, 2019 at 10:53 AM

DH

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Prayers for strength and comfort during this most difficult time. Deborrah Howard



Deborrah Howard - June 25, 2019 at 10:35 AM

AV

“ Allen Veazey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Littleton H. Wade



Allen Veazey - June 25, 2019 at 10:14 AM

TT

“ We the Ligon family of Bells Tn. Send our condolences to the Wade family. 🙏



The Ligon Family, Bells, Tn. - June 25, 2019 at 07:21 AM



“ *Floriene Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Littleton H. Wade*



Floriene Booth - June 24, 2019 at 11:42 AM

AW

To the Wade Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers. George and Annie Wilson and Family. From Jamestown, NY.

Annie Wilson - June 25, 2019 at 02:19 PM

HL

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MAN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORK AND GLOFIED YOUR FATHER WITCH ARE IN HEAVEN AMEN!! MAY THE WORK I DONE SPEAK FOR ME MAY THE LIFE I LIVED SPEAK FOR ME AMEN!!!

HELEN LOWE - June 26, 2019 at 08:16 AM