



Dr. Wayne Keith Gwaltney

March 19, 1946 - May 29, 2021

Dr. Wayne Keith Gwaltney, 75, of Tallahassee, met his Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Born in Princeton, Indiana, March 19, 1946, he was the son of Charles Enford and Josephine Gwaltney.

The Salutatorian of his high school class of 1964, he earned a Doctorate of Education at The University of Georgia prior to becoming a Professor and Director of the Reading Clinic at Florida State University. A member of Indian Springs Baptist Church, he enjoyed playing golf, collecting and selling treasures online, and watching horse races at numerous U.S. tracks. Wayne was well-traveled and visited all 50 states. He drove north of the Arctic Circle and as far south as El Salvador. He also taught a semester in Belize.

An avid sports enthusiast, Wayne played basketball and baseball in high school and coached multiple youth sports in Tallahassee, officiated multiple high school contests, including several baseball state championships, and followed the Thomasville High School Boys' Soccer Program.

Survivors include his wife, Dawn Elyse Gwaltney; son, Keith (Lisa) Gwaltney; brother Charles (Catherine) Gwaltney; sister Vicki Burchell (Mark Bond), five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Indian Springs Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Indian Springs Baptist Church or Big Bend Hospice.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Indian Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

5593 Veterans Memorial Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Indian Springs Baptist Church
5993 Veterans Memorial Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *I have lots of high school memories about Wayne playing sports and his superb academics.*

Owensville High School classmate Dwight Callis

Marcia Callis - June 04, 2021 at 12:32 PM

PE

“ *Mr. Wayne and I met at Anytime Fitness where our exercise schedules often overlapped in the evenings. He was a delightful conversationalist and always shared what a joy his wife was to him, the fun time with his son golfing and raved about his grandchildren's accomplishments. As Covid 19 struck, we surmised it was truly tragic, but Mr. Wayne confidently declared if God called him home, he was certain of his citizenship in heaven and ready because of his faith in Jesus Christ. I will miss our "chats" and the joy he radiated as he went about his activities. My condolences to his family as they celebrate and honor him.*

Pamela Emmert - June 04, 2021 at 10:08 AM



Thank you for your comments Pamela.

Keith Gwaltney - June 09, 2021 at 07:38 AM

DB

“ *Don, Cathy, Donny, and Mary Barnes purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Wayne Keith Gwaltney.*



Don, Cathy, Donny, and Mary Barnes - June 03, 2021 at 05:36 PM

DD

“ I will miss Wayne on every one of my golf outings. We had several breakfasts together and interesting conversations. I loved Wayne and was not ready for him to leave.

David Douglas - June 03, 2021 at 02:46 PM

SC

“ Sincere sympathies and loving prayers to Dawn and all the family of Wayne. I remember Wayne coming to the His Word Singers celebrations with Dawn. He was a great conversationalist and helped add to a friendly atmosphere. I admired his accomplishments and enjoyed hearing him tell about what he was doing. I will continue to pray for Dawn and the family. God Bless,
Sandra Lee Canter

Sandra L Canter - June 02, 2021 at 05:26 PM

PW

“ Although Wayne was 3 years older than me, we were friends during high school. During college breaks, Wayne, Jerald Roberts and I became very good friends. One Saturday, my dad took the 3 of us for a ride in Dad's airplane. It was the first time Wayne and Jerald had flown. They both talked about that airplane ride for many years. Wayne was one super guy. Paul Waters

Paul W Waters - June 01, 2021 at 12:18 PM

CM

“ Charles, Cathy, Vicki, and Mark purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dr. Wayne Keith Gwaltney.



Charles, Cathy, Vicki, and Mark - May 31, 2021 at 03:55 PM