



Glenn Wade

October 22, 1933 - March 2, 2012

Obituary of Glenn Wade

Glenn Franklin Wade, Jr., 78, of Bushnell, FL died Friday March 2, 2012 in Sumterville, FL. Born in his childhood home outside of Bushnell on October 22, 1933, Glenn took great pride in being a native Floridian and member of one of Sumter Counties pioneer families. Glenn was a graduate of Bushnell High School, Class of 1951 and the University of Florida, earning a bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 1956. He returned to Bushnell High School to teach vocational agriculture and, after 2 years moved to Haines City High School where he continued to teach. Glenn worked on his master's degree after school and on weekends, receiving that degree in 1967. He later moved from teaching to administration and became Polk County Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. In this role he worked with the Florida Citrus Commission to develop the Citrus Fundraising Project that continues to raise millions for FFA chapters. Glenn's leadership, ability and vision led to his position as Citrus County School's Director of Vocational, Adult and Community Education in 1971.

One of Glenn's greatest achievements was his work in planning and obtaining funding for the Lecanto Joint-Use Facility; an innovative concept that allowed students to stay on one campus from elementary through high school and then earn an A.A. degree from Central Florida Community College. In 1986

Glenn retired to his cattle ranch after 30 years in education, but his service to his community did not end. Glenn served on the Board of Trustees for Lake-Sumter Community College and was instrumental in obtaining land for a satellite campus in Sumterville. As a result of his leadership and effort, the board voted to name the campus after him in 1999. Glenn was a founding member of Hospice of Lake and Sumter, now known as Cornerstone Hospice and along with his business partners donated land for the Lane Purcell Hospice House in Sumter County.

Glenn served in many leadership positions: director of Florida Vocational Agriculture Teachers Assoc.; President of the Polk County Agriculture Teachers Assoc.; President of the Sumter County Cattleman's Assoc.; charter member and first chair Board of Directors, Florida FFA Foundation. He was instrumental in procuring 123 acres donated for the FFA Leadership Training Center and received many honors for his accomplishments including: FFA Honorary State Farmer Degree; Honorary American Farmer Degree; Outstanding Service awards from Citrus, Lecanto and Crystal River FFA Chapters and the Florida FFA Foundation. In 2001, Glenn & Patricia were honored with the Blue and Gold Award for dedicated service to Florida FFA. Glenn was also presented honorary membership in dozens of local FFA chapters. Glenn was an influential teacher, advisor and administrator who devoted his entire life to education and improvement in his community.

Glenn is survived by his devoted and beloved wife of 53 years, Patricia; many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family; his dearest friend: Patrick T. Grady, wife Rozanne, and their three children. Glenn was also comforted by his devoted and compassionate cousin Marty Wade and his loving niece Michele Gaster who spent many hours sharing their love, devotion and dedication.

Visitation

Visitation for Mr. Wade will held on Tuesday March 6, 2012 at First United Methodist Church of Bushnell from 5-8 pm.

Services

Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday March 7, 2012 at First Baptist Church of Bushnell at 2 pm.

Interment

Interment to follow the funeral at Indian Hill Cemetery.

Memorials

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Cornerstone Hospice, c/o Lane Purcell Hospice House, 2452 CR 562E, Sumterville, FL 33585 or First United Methodist Church of Bushnell, 221 W. Noble Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513 or Florida FFA Foundation, 5000 Firetower Rd., Haines City, FL 33844.

Tribute Wall



“ *Glenn Wade*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy for your lost. Glenn was a very fine person and great friend to many.*

Marjorie Rooks - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *With tear filled eyes and heavy heart, I honor Mr. Wade with respect and dignity as he so often gave in return. He was such a kind, generous man and I looked forward to the Wades' visits to Western North Carolina in the spring and throughout their time spent in the mountains. Although fall would send him & Pat back to Bushnell, we would keep in contact via phone and mail. When he left hurriedly in October 2011, I felt he knew it would be his last time in our bank. He always called me "the best little banker" and I treasure that. He will be missed here in Haywood County, NC, but his generosity will live on forever. I hold those memories dear to my heart. Our loss is truly Heaven's gain. If only every human was as kind and respectful as Glenn Wade, the world would be a better place. Until we meet again in Heaven Mr. Wade, I will hold on to the memories.*

Sharon W Franks - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am proud to have served with Glenn F. Wade, Jr. on the Lake-Sumter Community College Board of Trustees in the 1990's. Glenn was always working with great diligence to improve the college for the benefit of the students. Glenn was highly instrumental in founding the Clermont campus for the college and obtaining donated land for it. Glenn was a man of great leadership qualities and had an inspirational ability found in few people. he had a positive effect on many lives which I know are much the better for having known him. If anyone had the benefit to have had Glenn F. Wade Jr. in their lives they will never forget that in some way he helped them. For his wife, Pat, and Glenn's family and many, many friends, God Bless You All! Cecil Shumacker Leesburg, Florida
March 4th, 2012

Cecil Shumacker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Mr. Wade was the epitome of a Southern gentleman, and I wish I could be there to pay tribute to him and express my most sincere condolences to his family. As he was a settled Floridian and I have been since meeting him a Floridian expatriate, he and I had only a limited time together, but he was never less than as giving and generous as could be. And even with that limited experience, I appreciated the warmth and genuine affection he had for his home state and especially Lake County. The Wade family will be in my prayers.

Robert W. Westrick, Jr. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Pat, Thinking of You with Prayers and Sympathy. With regrets, we will be out of town and unable to attend services. Glenn will always be remember as a caring person. God Bless!

Billy and Pennie Weldon - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Pat and Family, My wife Pat and I are so sorry for your loss. Glenn was such a nice friend at our Maggie Valley church. We as fellow Floridians felt a special kinship with both of you. We will miss seeing his friendly smile on Sunday. Again we are sorry for your loss, John and Pat Miller

John and Pat Miller - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ To Pat, and all of Glen's loved ones. Noella and I extend our condolences, at this time of Glens passing. He will, long and fondly, be remembered, for his outstanding record in so many facets of community life. Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida, Ag, and Education, along with people whose lives Glen touched, are all enriched by his spirit.of community. Noella and Dan

Noella and Dan McCormic - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ WE ARE THINKING ABOUT YOU PAT. THOSE WERE GOOD DAYS IN HAINES CITY.

BOBBY & CHRISTINE HOWELL - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I was planning on attending the viewing last evening when an emergency happened with one of our nurses. I wanted to let you know how much I respected Mr. Wade and the gratitude I have for him and his involvement with establishing the Lane Purcell Hospice House in Sumterville. Without him and many others we would not have the hospice house and I would never have found my passion.

Kim Carter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ We were so sorry to hear about Frank. We have missed your smiling faces here in North Carolina and especially at the auction. It was always to nice to look up and see you two. May God bless you and your family and wrap his arms around you during this very sad time.

Thad & Lee Woods - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Pat: Joyce and I offer our sincere condolences, I have enjoyed knowing Glenn over the years. I first met him in 1983 while he was vocational director in Citrus County. Glenn brought us to Sumter County, I will always be grateful for his advice on a great community to build and live near. May God bless you as you deal with your loss but know that you will be with him again in God's glory. Much love to you, Dan White

Dan and Joyce White - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Cornerstone Hospice, our Operations and Foundation Board members and staff honor Glenn Wade. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife Pat, his family and friends. Glenn was a great friend, mentor and promoter of Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, formerly Hospice of Lake & Sumter. Words cannot capture our gratitude and appreciation for his devotion and service to our hospice. As a Board Member and most generous donor, Glenn was an early and constant supporter of hospice. His voice and spirit will be missed. Glenn died at the Lane Purcell Hospice House that he helped build, supported and loved. His memory will live on in the rooms and halls and in the hearts and minds of the staff of "his" hospice house.

Mary Manrique, President/CEO, Cornerstone Hospice - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Mr. Wade was the very epitome of the true southern gentleman. Many generations yet to come will benefit from his generosity and foresight. His presence will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to his widow, family, and friends.*

Marsha and Stephen Perkins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *mr Glen will be greatly missed. Him and all his family was always a very dear friend to me and all my family. He will be greatly missed by all of us. We know that he is in heaven looking down on all of us. the Dalia hayes family*

alice hayes kirby - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *a fine man always helped people in need i was one of them he will be missed*

darrell chandler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Mrs. Wade, I was so sorry to hear of your husband's passing and am very sorry I could not be there with you to celebrate his life. You have both had a wonderful impact on my family and hope God helps you through this trying time. Best wishes, Terry*

Terry Grady Selva - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM