



## James Edward Wade Jr.

June 29, 1929 - October 25, 2022

James E. Wade, Jr., 93, passed away peacefully at his home in Bushnell, FL on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. He was born June 29, 1929, in Bushnell to his parents James E. Wade, Sr. and Lillie Mae Rogers Wade. He served in the US Army, 1951-53 as a lineman in Company A, 317th Signal Construction Battalion and received the Occupation Medal (Germany). He retired from the Florida Department of Transportation in 1981 after 30 years of service as a surveyor and road inspector. He was also a cattle rancher and loved farming, hunting, fishing, attending bluegrass festivals, and airboating, but his favorite pastime was telling jokes and “stories”. James was a past Director of the Sumter County Cattlemen’s Association and member of the Florida Farm Bureau. He was a lifetime member of Indian Hill Baptist Church.

James is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dianna Jolly Wade, his son, James E. (Jim) Wade III (Amy) and daughter Janice Ratcliff (Kenny); granddaughters Colleen Martin (Bruce), Brittany Snay (Bear), Megan Bailey, and Kelsey Ratcliff, as well as loving caregiver, Tanya “Josephine” Creasman. He also left behind memories for 3 great-grandchildren, nieces Wanda Lindsey, Gloria Hilley, and Lisa Crosby, nephew Gary Reaves, and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. Family/friends visitation at 10:30am with Memorial services at 1130am on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at Indian Hill Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to Indian Hill Baptist Church or Indian Hill Cemetery Association, 7819 CR 633, Bushnell, FL 33513.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Indian Hill Baptist Church  
7819 CR 633  
Bushnell, FL 33513

## Memorial Service

NOV 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Edward Wade Jr.*



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**Beyers Funeral Home** - November 01, 2022 at 12:36 PM

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“ *I often remember back to a time, many MANY years ago, a cousin (Letie), and I , spent the nite with Uncle Jim and Aunt Lillie Mae, (James' parents). Letie and I were riding Cricket, a Shetland pony of theirs...and, James came out of the house wearing a big cowboy hat and cowboy boots, and, had a long black horse whip in his hands! He began flicking that whip at Cricket, and another horse...(can't remember its name now), but, I yelled at James not to hurt the horses! He replied back in his Southern drawl, "I ain't gonna hurt em...I'm just getting their attention!" He is going to be missed by so many people, cause he was 'one of a kind'! So very sorry for your loss, but, we KNOW we will meet up with him in Heaven.*  
*Theresa (Terri) Jones McWatty....(and, David)*

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**Theresa McWatty** - October 30, 2022 at 02:24 PM

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“ Jim, your dad lived a long life but losing a loved one still creates a void in our life. However, dwell on the many memories you and he had together, and I know he was proud of what you have made of your life and may you and your family find peace during this difficult time.

James Guy Simmons - October 30, 2022 at 11:43 AM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Always looked to hearing a joke every morning when he called Wanda.

Joan Jones - October 29, 2022 at 10:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edward Wade Jr..



October 29, 2022 at 07:28 PM

LP

“ I remember when I was just a girl, Marie and I spent the night with Aunt Lillie May in her little house on the highway. James new where we were sleeping, so when it was dark, he started making strange sounds outside, and tapping on the window. We were so scared until he finally came in the house and admitted it was him. He's always been a love bug and a joker as far back as forever.

Linda Phillips - October 29, 2022 at 06:20 PM