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DECATUR – Wade Miller Davis, 93, of Abilene, Texas met his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 15, 2012, in Abilene.

Services to celebrate Wade's life will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 26

Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with the Pastor Stephen R. Hill

officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local hospice or animal shelter. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home is assisting the family with these arrangements. Online condolences and guest book may be signed at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Wade was born in Bemidji, Minnesota on February 4, 1919, the son of James Tishomingo and Inez Lucile Woodruff Davis. He graduated from Bemidji State University with majors in English and Music Education and later completed his Master's Degree in guidance and counseling at Millikin University. He taught English and music in the Bemidji area and was later employed by the Army to teach music as part of the rehabilitation efforts for injured soldiers returning from WWII. In 1944, he married Charlene C. Carney and moved with her and their son, Lynn, first to Chrisman, Illinois and then to Bethany, Illinois in 1947. He taught English and music in the high school there until 1955 when the family moved to Decatur. He taught English first at the old Stephen Decatur High School and then at Eisenhower High School where he was also a guidance counselor until his retirement in 1982. Charlene passed away in 2007, and Wade and his son moved to Abilene, Texas on June 1st, 2011. Wade was a loving, supportive husband and father. He enjoyed teaching English and American literature and had excellent rapport with his students, counselees and fellow teachers. After retirement, he liked to spend time browsing at the library and enjoyed his family, friends, church, Sunday-school class discussions, good jazz music, playing his guitar along with Charlene's violin playing, puns (good and bad),



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philosophical ideas and discussions, golf and crossword puzzles. The family joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1992 and faithfully sang in the choir for a number of years.

Wade is survived by his son Lynn of Abilene and a sister, Mrs. Willis Barry of Cortland, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, two brothers and one sister.

His presence and sweet spirit will be greatly missed by his son and relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cason of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carney of Lubbock, Texas. Our greatest comfort comes from knowing he is now safe with Christ. Until we meet again ' Godspeed, Papa and Uncle Wade.



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EH

Elaine Sharp Holloway posted:

Lynn, my sister, Joanne Sharp Freeland (Bethany class of 1953) who lives in Mt. Zion, let me know of your Father's passing. He lived a long, most remarkable life as did your Mother. You must have many fond memories. I married Larry Crowder from our class in 1965 and we divorced in 1982 but had 3 lovely children who gave us 4 grandchildren. Larry passed away a year ago and his wife 6 months later both suffering from cancer. I remarried in 1995 and we now live in Fishers, IN (only 15 minutes away from Barb Walker Phillip and her husband, Larry). I am finishing my last semester of teaching choir & piano keyboarding classes at a Catholic High School here in Indianapolis. I hope to continue my part-time church job as music director of a United Methodist Church. I wish you the very best and hope that your health is holding out! Elaine Sharp Crowder Holloway

April 2 at 8:19 AM

JA

Jan & Patty Anderson posted:

Lynn, We were so sorry to learn of your father's passing, and that we were not able to attend his visitation. He certainly had a long and full life. We thought it was especially interesting that he taught music to the WWII injured soldiers. He was very blessed to have had your love & support in his retirement. Hope you are feeling at home in Abilene. Sincerely, Jan & Patty Anderson (your antique friends)

March 30 at 8:52 AM

LG

Larry E. Grabb posted:

Lynn, As you know, your Dad was one of my all-time favorite teachers and "people". I have many fond memories of his class – including the day he blew all of us away with his guitar skills. I memorized in 1962, and still repeat – a poem he had displayed on a side bulletin-board in our classroom. "Into my heart's treasury I slipped a coin, which time cannot take nor a thief purloin. Far better than the minting of a gold-crowned king, is the safe-kept memory of a lovely thing." That pretty well describes a way of thinking and observing that I learned from Mr. Wade David. I know he and your Mom are now playing more beautiful tunes together. God Bless.

March 26 at 12:27 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wade by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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