



C. Alvin "Al" Fowler

May 21, 1946 - February 5, 2025

Al Fowler

Born Clarence Alvin Fowler, Jr. on May 22, 1946 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Clarence Alvin and Zella Arlene (Betty) Fowler. The birth certificate was filled out May 21 and his parents never corrected it. Once Al found out, he celebrated both days the rest of his life. Al grew up in central Arkansas and later moved to Yuma, Arizona where he finished high school. Al married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Young Fowler in Yuma, AZ. They had two children, Alicia Fowler Wiedower and Ryan Fowler. Al attended Harding College, worked in public accounting in Phoenix, AZ, and later the family returned to Searcy where he worked for Harding University in the Development Office for 20 years and later as the administrator at Searcy Medical Center for 13 yrs. Marilyn passed away December 24, 2006. They had been happily married 40 years.

Al married Carla Kearbey on February 16, 2008. Al and Carla spent the next 17 years photographing sunrises, sunsets, events and ministries in the community, traveling the world and stopping at every ice cream shoppe they passed. Al and Carla enjoyed their engaging and fun-filled retirement years together.

However, the most important aspect of Al's life was his relationship with his LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ. Every morning, he spent time in the Word, and afterwards he would share a Bible verse in a text with his grandchildren. This relationship with his Father played out in Al's entire life. Over the years

he was a leader in his community, church, and family by helping, teaching, sharing and loving the people in his path. As one co-elder said, "He smelled like sheep" never hesitating to walk among those he shepherded, no matter how difficult the circumstances.

Just as it was said of King David in Acts 13:36, Al's family takes comfort in knowing that, "...when Al had served God's purpose in his generation, he fell asleep..."

Al is survived by his wife Carla Kearbey Fowler of Searcy, and children: Alicia Fowler Wiedower(Brian) of Searcy; Ryan Fowler, and grandchildren: Bryce Wiedower(Abigail) of Bentonville; Sloane Wiedower of Kansas City, MO; Great grandson Webb Michael Wiedower; as well as siblings: Jennifer Fowler Lankford(Jewell) of Marshall, TX; Rebecca Montgomery(Ray) of Searcy; David Fowler(Kristi) of Searcy and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial gathering to honor Al's life on Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Bible Church in Searcy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to campwyldewood.org (Al Fowler scholarship fund) or jacobsplace.org.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church
1009 East Beebe-Capps
Searcy, AR 72143