



Doyle H. Wallace

July 26, 1930 - January 27, 2023

Doyle H. Wallace passed away peacefully Jan. 27, 2023, at Unity Health in Searcy. He was born July 26, 1930, to Chester and Edith Wallace of Bald Knob, Arkansas.

He is survived by three children, Terri Wallace Miller (Paul) of Bald Knob, Kim Wallace (Kellie) of Sarasota, FL and Mike W. Wallace of Little Rock.

Grandchildren; Jason, Amanda, Olivia and Amelia. Great grandchildren: Ana, Lynlee, Tessa, Ainslee, Eli & Savannah. He is preceded in death by wife, Betty, son Gary Alan, daughter Lisa Kay, his parents, brother Chester (Junior) and sister Maxine.

Excelling in athletics at Bald Knob High School, Wallace received a scholarship from Southern State College in Magnolia (SAU) and was a 4 year letterman with All-AIC honors. While there, he met and married fellow student Nelda Ruth Whalen (Magnolia). While in college, Wallace joined the Air Force during the Korean War (1951-1954) and accumulated a 19-1 light-heavyweight boxing record. He then returned to Southern State, graduating with a BS in Education (56). He also received his Masters in Education from State Teachers College (UCA) in 1962. Wallace was inducted into the Southern Arkansas University Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Upon graduation, he returned to his hometown twice as head coach of the

Bald Knob Bulldogs (1957-60) & (1967-70). With a 10-1 record, Wallace led the 1968 Bulldogs to its first & only Football State Championship. He also formed the first AAU boxing program. He was twice selected as a member of the Arkansas All-Star football staff. Between stints, Wallace was head football coach of the Haynesville, LA, Golden Tornadoes.

In 1970, Wallace joined Arkansas Tech University's football/baseball staff. He began his 40 plus year insurance career in Arkadelphia as District Manager for Fidelity Union Life. He was a multi-year national sales leader ultimately building The Wallace Insurance Agency until 2016. Also, while in Arkadelphia, Wallace was named head golf coach at Henderson State University (1980-1991) all volunteered time. He led the Reddies to consecutive AIC Championships from 1985-89 & NAIA District Championships from 1984-89. He was inducted into the Reddie Hall of Honor in 2000.

Wallace returned to his beloved hometown of Bald Knob in 1991. He served as Mayor for 10 total years, leading the public funding to replace existing city water lines, focusing efforts/expansion of the City Sports Complex and BK Animal Shelter facilities. Served as President of the Bald Knob Veterans Memorial Wall & Museum and was a Founding Member of the Bald Knob Country Club.

Coach Wallace to many, but simply dad to the kids. His love was unconditional, with a tender heart for all things family and his beloved Golden Retrievers. He was a member of the Worden Baptist Church.

A visitation will be held Saturday at the Worden Baptist Church, 1321 Hwy 64E in Bald Knob, from 12-2 p.m. Saturday, February 18. Memorial service begins at 2pm, with a family reception immediately following.

Family would like to thank the staff at Woodruff County Health Center for six

years of care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that online donations in honor/memory be made to: Bald Knob Public Education Foundation. www.baldknobschools.org

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob - Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery Steward Addition

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Family to receive Friends

FEB 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Worden Baptist Church
107 Worden Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Doyle H. Wallace



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 16, 2023 at 10:40 AM

DW

“ Coach Wallace was my high school football coach at Haynesville High School in Louisiana. Oh, how tough he was. Oh, how he taught us discipline. Oh, how we loved him as a coach, patriot, and Christian. His bless his family as Coach Wallace blessed us! David P. Walden, Benton, La.

david p walden - March 14 at 08:05 PM

BH

“ I'm sure my Uncle Chet and Aunt Edith are so pleased to see their baby come home, such a loss to family, friends and community.

Betty Harper - February 16, 2023 at 10:27 PM

DD

“ David Dallas purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Doyle H. Wallace.



David Dallas - February 16, 2023 at 04:44 PM

MD

“ *Michelle Duke purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Doyle H. Wallace.*



Michelle Duke - February 15, 2023 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ *Terri. So sorry to read of your father's passing. He and Ms Betty are together again. From Thelma Spencer*

Mary Spencer - February 06, 2023 at 04:59 PM

RH

“ *Ralph & M. Olevia Huntsman lit a candle in memory of Doyle H. Wallace*



Ralph & M. Olevia Huntsman - February 03, 2023 at 01:00 PM

MD

“ *Terri, my sincere condolences. May your Dad rest in peace and you and your loved ones find comfort in the memories.*



Margaret Davis - February 03, 2023 at 07:32 AM

LB

“ *Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Doyle
H. Wallace*



Leah Brooks - February 02, 2023 at 04:26 PM

GO

“ Coach Wallace was an incredible man among men. By simply walking in a room, He was always noticed, and people knew that he was there. His dedication to excellence came through many many years of teaching and coaching. Coach Wallace had impeccable technique for teaching young athletes right from wrong. For some young men that did not have a good home life, Doyle Wallace was a father figure.

In the sports world has determination to be the best was amplified by his athletes and his students. Coach Wallace was a hard football coach on the gridiron and in practice. He often said anything worthwhile having is worthwhile working for.

As a very young athlete, I can remember Coach Wallace and Coach Sanford telling me that I can go down any road I wish, but the road I choose, will lead me where I'm going. If I look in the mirror and see greatness, then I will make it there, if I look in the mirror and don't see anything and that's probably where you will end up, doing nothing and seeing nothing. If you follow greatness, you will have greatness.

Coach led thousands of students and student athletes to greatness because he lead by example.

I always remember when he would ask. Well what would you do? Coach always had the ability to make you think he always wanted his athletes to make their decisions, and know what the outcome would be. And as he lead by example, thousands of students and student athletes, entered the world of business, athletics, human nature, coaching, and so on . And thousands of those individuals have led lives of greatness.

In the fourth quarter of his life, and not even able to get out of his bed, Coach Doyle Wallace was not going the give up. His game plan was to win at life. He proved that by having 4 amazing children. Terri, Kim, Mike, and Lisa.

He proved that by the thousands of prayers sent to him daily from many.

He proved that by having many say to Coach ...

I owe it to you for leading me down the road on the right path . You were my mentor. You won the game

May Coach rest in peace as his name and legacy will continue for years to come .

Garry Odom - February 02, 2023 at 12:34 PM

GS

I played golf for Coach Wallace at HSU, he was a good coach, but he was a great man, he will be missed! RIP Coach.

greg stubblefield - February 06, 2023 at 05:28 AM

Jay
Sisk

“ *Jay Sisk lit a candle in memory of Doyle H. Wallace*



Jay Sisk - February 02, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JH

“ *Was a pleasure working with Mayor Wallace at city hall as i had no experience with him as coaching or teaching but have heard numerous stories. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Johnny & Mary Hodges*

Johnny & Mary Hodges - February 02, 2023 at 09:12 AM

MJ

“ *Michael And Connie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Doyle H. Wallace*



Michael and Connie Johnston - February 02, 2023 at 09:12 AM