



Wayne E. Blickenstaff

May 29, 1932 - February 23, 2023

For centuries, valuable minerals have been mined from the mountains of Idaho. And yet, a more cherished treasure in the history of the Northwest is the life of Wayne Blickenstaff. On May 29, 1932, Wayne was born to Ray and Margaret Blickenstaff in Nampa, Idaho, and grew up with his brothers, Loren and Marvin. Together, they made the most of fishing and hunting in the natural beauty of the Western outdoors and shared the competition of collegiate athletics at McPherson College. Heading east to attend the University of Kansas City School of Dentistry, Blickenstaff graduated in 1958 and then completed a certificate in Graduate Orthodontics in 1960. After graduation it was an easy decision to return to the Northwest, where he actively practiced orthodontics in Boise, Idaho, until his retirement in 1992. During those three decades, he unselfishly served at intervals as an officer on the Board of Trustees for the Idaho State Dental Association and as President of the Idaho State Orthodontic Society. Although his professional career helped advance dental care in Idaho, his greater achievements were demonstrated in the life of his family. On June 6, 1954, he married Beverly Gertrude of McPherson, KS, and together they raised their three children, Kyle, Lesley and Ryan. Wayne and Beverly made it a priority to actively live their faith in God, prompting Wayne to serve as a deacon, and later an elder, at the Boise Church of Christ. In August, 2002, the Blickenstaffs moved to Searcy, AR, to share in the lives of their children and grandchildren living in Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia. As part of their relocation to Searcy, they brought

with them the hospitality that had characterized their home in Boise and their continuing service to Harding University as members of the President's Development Council. Wayne is survived by his wife, Beverly, to whom he has been married 68 years, and by his children: Kyle (Kellee) Blickenstaff of Searcy, AR; Lesley (Dwight) Melson of Atlanta, GA; and Ryan (Beth) Blickenstaff of Nashville, TN. Grandchildren include Karli (Ben) Bradley; Kohl (Anna) Blickenstaff; Hayden (Jenny) Melson; Campbell Melson; Baylor (Katie) Blickenstaff; and Belle (Jon Aaron) Howell. Great grandchildren, who have blessed their grandparents, include Beau, Avery, Helen and Peter. Wayne Blickenstaff lived much of his life surrounded by the vistas of Idaho's natural beauty, but more importantly, he lived with a clear view of God's Kingdom that reaches beyond the boundaries of eternity.

A visitation will be held at the College Church of Christ Fellowship Room on Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. A memorial service will follow at the Cone Chapel on the Harding University Campus at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the White County Memorial Gardens.

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

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

College Church Of Christ
712 E Race Ave
Searcy, AR 72143-4421
(501) 268-7156

Memorial Service

FEB 26. 3:00 PM (CT)

Cone Chapel - Harding University Campus
900 East Center Street
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne E. Blickenstaff



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 25, 2023 at 05:59 PM

SG

“ I worked for Dr. B for 15 years and I always enjoyed his laughter, sense of humor and kindness. I am sad that we have lost the original 4 doctors at Boise Orthodontic. They were a great asset to Boise and were a great group to work for. I send my thoughts to the family and especially Beverly.

Sherril and John Gipe

Sherril Gipe - March 05, 2023 at 04:01 PM

DJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Kyle and all the Blickenstaff family!!!

david johnson - February 26, 2023 at 11:04 AM

WN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wayne & Judi Nikolish - February 25, 2023 at 07:50 PM

MP

“ Our sincere condolences to Beverly and the entire Blickenstaff family. Wayne will be missed as a big part of the Torres Mazatlan pirates. Wayne was always a delightful vacation companion, with his great smile and infectious laugh. We will all lift a Corona to you at dinner tonight as we watch the the sunset and remember the fun times.

Mike and Christine Peck, Joe and Dee Conrad, Mike and Rhonda Macaw, Wayne and Judy Nincolish.

Mike Peck - February 25, 2023 at 07:34 PM

AS

“ I fondly remember Wayne and his fine sense of humor. He, Beverly and I shared a lovely meal together with Marvin in Chicago some years ago. My condolences on your loss.

Arlene Steffen - February 25, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wayne E. Blickenstaff.



February 25, 2023 at 09:56 AM