



William Wade Beams Sr.

June 11, 1944 - April 23, 2022

William Wade Beams Sr., of Hot Springs, took his leave of this world on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 at the age of 77. He was lovingly attended to by the angels of Hot Springs Hospice located at CHI St. Vincent, Team 3 at the Hot Springs VA CBOC, and the VA Home Healthcare team, Little Rock.

Wade was preceded by his parents and is survived by his wife of 57 years, Karlene, his son William Wade Jr, (Robyn), his daughter Tina McMillan (Kara), Grandsons Shane Pomaybo and Brandon Pomaybo (Susan), sister Helen Densmore (Reece), brother-in-law Robert S. David Jr. (Julia), Francis Pomaybo (Rachel), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wade was born in Santa Ana, CA, and spent his formative years in McAlester, OK, before returning to California, graduating from Mission Bay High School in San Diego, CA, and joining the US Army ('64-'68). While home on leave he met Karlene and married shortly thereafter. After returning from Vietnam, and leaving active duty, he served as a police officer for the Escondido Police Department and a Loss Prevention and Retail Store Manager for K-Mart, before taking up his career as an independent painting contractor. He is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Durant, OK.

Wade moved to Hot Springs Arkansas in 1992 to retire. Having been a member of the VFW since 1968, he became active at VFW Post 2278 in Hot Springs, where he became a Life Member. He has held the positions of Post Commander, District Commander, State Sr. Vice Commander, and is a Life Member of the VFW Post 2278 Honor Guard. He also served two terms as the

M.O.C. Grand of Arkansas Commander. In partnership with Jack Dobbs he established the annual Hot Springs VA Caregiver of the Year Award.

Wade enjoyed his later years in the company of family and friends. He acquired many friends while engaging in spending time at Oaklawn.

Throughout his life some friends became family and some family became friends, but he always kept his home and heart open to both.

Memorial will be held at Hot Springs Funeral Home on Saturday, April 30th at 2 pm, reception to follow at Hot Springs VFW Post 2278.

Previous Events

Memorial

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home
1017 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71901
(501) 623-8820
hotspringsfh@sbcglobal.net
<https://hotspringsfh.com/>

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I have many wonderful memories of Wade from Conventions ,Post activities, and Cooties. The one memory that I remember most was Wade and I had the sixth floor, Cancer patients of the VA Hospital in Little Rock and we were giving out toiletry items for clipper day. Wade and I teamed to go together and we visited patients. We met this patient who was so touched by what we were doing, but it was Wade and myself that had to keep it together for this patient. We held our tears in till we left the room. RIP Wade, You will be missed.

Lorraine Scheri Hill - April 30, 2022 at 10:46 AM

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“ My cousin, Wade, was a good-hearted, fun loving person, He had a contagious laugh that made you laugh too. He certainly will be missed. I'm sorry I didn't get to see him one last time before his passing.

Frances Tinkham “Koochie” - April 30, 2022 at 07:58 AM

DR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was very close to my parents. Love you karlene

De de roberts - April 29, 2022 at 10:09 PM

KH

“ We were stationed together in the Headquarters Company Second Armored Cavalry in Nurenberg Germany.. we were friends then and renewed our friendship for the past 12 years with our reunions. Larger than life and no matter what always looked on the bright side . You will be missed Wade. Heaven has gained a great guy. RIP

kenneth Huyghe - April 29, 2022 at 08:52 PM

RC

“ Wade was a good friend - we shared texts regularly about college sports. I will certainly miss those! May he rest in eternal peace. Sincere condolences to the entire family for the loss of a husband, father and grandfather.

Rosalyn Cox - April 29, 2022 at 08:48 PM

GI

“ We worked for him, managing his apt building. And I was the only secretary to take notes, with Wade driving his convertible doing 70 miles hr, lol my hair was a mess, but my notes were clear. Wade we will miss you greatly. Wade we are all better off, to have gotten to know you. You will be greatly missed. Tonight heaven adds a new star for all to see.



Greg and Ty Irwin - April 26, 2022 at 08:48 AM

ES

Our condolences 🙏 to the family.
Ed and Carolyn Soris

Edward Soris - April 27, 2022 at 08:08 AM

TW

Sending love and prayers for you all continuously! Wish I could be there ❤️

Teresa Williamson - April 29, 2022 at 11:14 PM

MB

My deepest condolences

mel brown - April 30, 2022 at 12:00 PM

TH

“ I did not have the privilege of knowing Mr. Beams personally, but from what I have heard he was a very fine man. My condolences to and Prayers for the whole family. Karlene, Will, if there is anything I can do for you, please just let me know.

Tommy A. Hughes - April 25, 2022 at 02:33 PM