



Emory Wayne NeSmith

September 27, 1941 - March 15, 2020

On Sunday, March 15, Wayne NeSmith—a loving husband, father of two and grandfather of five, passed away at his Tallahassee home after an extended illness. He was 78.

Emory Wayne NeSmith was born September 27, 1941 in Ocala, Florida to Jess “Spec” and Louise NeSmith. He graduated from Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. A position with the FL Board of Regents brought him to Tallahassee in 1969 however he spent the majority of his career in healthcare, serving as President of the Florida Hospital Association.

During his 50-year membership at Tallahassee’s First Baptist Church, Wayne served in many capacities including Sunday School teacher and chairman of the Board of Deacons.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joyce, and two sons Stephen (Stephanie) of Franklin, TN and Brian (Amy) of Altamonte Springs, FL and his five grandchildren Lindsey, Will, Isaac, Zachary, and Garrett.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice of Tallahassee.

A public memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Tallahassee,

but the event date is on hold until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. Visit bevisfh.com for updates, family photos and to leave a note for the family.

Tribute Wall



“Joyce, I am so profoundly sorry for your loss. Larry just contacted Dawn, my daughter, to tell her. I am completely deaf so I didn't talk with him. I will have Dawn try to call you later today & perhaps I can speak to you even though I can't hear you. I remember Wayne kiddingly saying I was a bad influence on you. I love youi so very much. Dawn;s phone number is 985- 507-7198. She lives with me.

Lois Jampole - March 19, 2020 at 04:56 PM



We were so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. We hope and pray you can weather this difficult time. May God comfort you all as you grieve the loss of this wonderful man. We love you.

Larry Caskey - March 20, 2020 at 10:13 AM



Dear Joyce, We cannot imagine the pain and sorrow that you have experienced during the past many months as you have watched the one you love suffer and decline from a debilitating disease! We pray that the fond memories of your special life with Wayne will soon overcome the profound sorrow and grief that you are now experiencing.

We remember his smiling face and pleasant way, and the good times that we had with you two. Wayne's suffering has now ended, and we believe that he is in a better place, a place where we will join him some day. We love you and look forward to getting together with you soon.

Calvin and Rose Zongker

Calvin & Rose Zongker - March 24, 2020 at 06:36 PM

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Joyce, We were so sorry to hear the news about Wayne. My memories of him are always of light-hearted joking around and pleasant conversations. He had such a great personality. I know it must be extremely difficult to lose him after so many years and such a full life together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Don Caskey

Don Caskey - March 24, 2020 at 11:35 PM

MJ

Joyce. I was so shocked today after my walk when I went across the street to see who had been buried. Wayne had been so helpful to me when I represented Naples Community Hospital at the Legislature. My wife's brother passed yesterday so we know the sence of loss you are feeling. You are in our prayers. Mike and Linda Jernigan

Michael Jernigan - April 04, 2020 at 07:23 PM



Hello Joyce - I am just now finding out that cousin Wayne has passed. I am sorry to hear this news. I am letting my Dad (Kenneth Bass) know. My prayers are for peace and comfort for you and your family. Jim Bass (Jr) - grandson of Kathleen NeSmith Bass

Jim Bass - August 30, 2020 at 04:39 PM

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