



Dr. Wade Gordon Birch

January 18, 1938 - June 6, 2020

Dr. Wade G. Birch, 82, passed away suddenly at his home, Saturday, June 6, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Rita Marsh-Birch.

The family will receive friends Thursday, June 11th from 2:00 PM until service time at 3:00m PM at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee. Dr. Birch will be buried next to his parents, Sunday, June 14th at twelve o'clock noon at Myrtle Hill Memorial Park in Tampa.

Gifts in memory of Dr. Birch may be made to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (giftplanning@foundation.fsu.edu).

A native of New York City, the son and only child of Clifton and Ruth Elizabeth DeHat Birch. He and his wife moved to Tallahassee from College Station, Texas in 2001. Dr. Birch was the Director of Counseling Services at Texas A&M University for 29 years. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tampa, his Master's from Florida State University and his Doctorate of Counseling Psychology from Indiana University. He was also a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

An avid golfer and student of history, Dr. Birch was also an active participant of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. A member of Trinity United Methodist Church, he also attended Deerlake United Methodist Church. Dr. Birch was also a lifelong New York Yankee fan and an avid FSU Seminole fan.

Other survivors include his daughter, Cynthia B. Elenz (Michael T.) of Tampa; his son Dean Birch of Tampa; and four grandchildren, Erin Elenz, Derek Birch and Landon O'Brien, all of Tampa and Brett Birch of Denver.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Birch family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Myrtle Hill Memorial Park Cemetery

4207 East Lake Avenue
Tampa, FL 33610

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

JUN 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Myrtle Hill Memorial Park Cemetery
4207 East Lake Avenue
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Tribute Wall



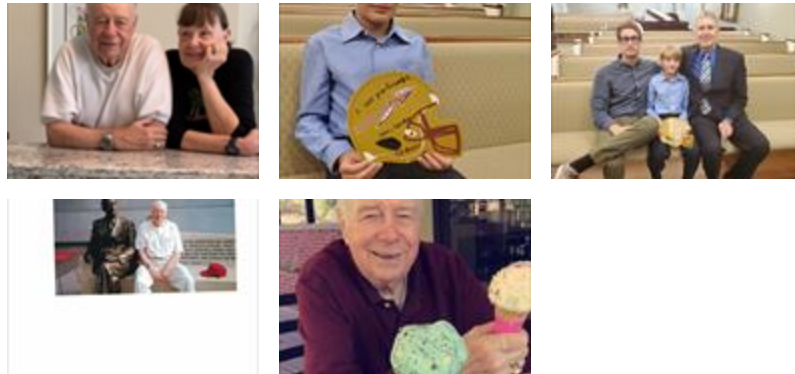
“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Wade Gordon Birch*



Bevis Funeral Home - June 11, 2020 at 10:30 AM

DB

“ *5 files added to the album Dad*



Dean W. Birch - June 27, 2020 at 04:13 PM

AM

“ *I had the honor of knowing Dr Birch for a number of years. He came into Bank of America often and we always had interesting conversations about many topics. I'm sorry tp learn of his passing.*
Austin Mika

a Mika - June 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

DB

Thank you so much for posting this. He liked people, and it's to know you had good conversations with him. Dean

Dean W. Birch - June 18, 2020 at 09:25 PM

DU

“ *Uncle Wade came into my life at a time when I had been abandoned by my mother and father and was separated from my siblings. He spent many hours with me just talking, playing chess and shooting hoops. Was always there if I called and even took me to some Aggie football games while I was stationed in Texas. The kindest man i ever met. He will be missed by many. Thank you Aunt Rita for bring him into my life. Fair Winds and Following Seas Uncle Wade 🥹🥹🥹*

David Upchurch - June 11, 2020 at 09:27 AM

DB

Hi David. What a heart warming post. Thank you so much for sharing his impact on your life. Dean

Dean W. Birch - June 18, 2020 at 09:26 PM

JT

“ *Rita - Victor and I were so sorry to read about Wade. He was a very special person and we are pleased to have had the opportunity to know him. We were sorry when you moved away - I was especially sorry to lose you. but realize you both were more happy to be in Florida. Hope this finds you well and perhaps sometime in the future we could talk.*

God Bless and comfort you,

Jo Ann & Victor Treat

Jo Ann & Victor Treat - June 10, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Wade Gordon Birch.*



June 10, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Wade Gordon Birch.*



June 10, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ *I am so saddened by the loss of Dr. Birch. I originally met Wade when the Counseling Center Director was at East Texas State University in Commerce, TX. I was a grad student. We also lived in College Station, TX, and have fond professional and personal memories of Wade and Rita. Our thoughts are with Rita and the family.*

*Beth Roe
College Station, TX*

Beth Roe - June 10, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Wade Gordon Birch.*



June 10, 2020 at 08:29 AM