



William H Wallace

September 22, 1934 - July 6, 2018

William H. “Buddy” Wallace passed away peacefully at his home July 6 after a brief illness. Born September 22, 1934 to Samuel J.C. Wallace and Emma Callaway Wallace, he was a lifelong resident of the Lagoon Community in Gulf Shores. He was a graduate of Foley High School, Howard College (now Samford University), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of South Alabama.

He was the first pastor of what is now the First Baptist Church of Lillian, spent 13 years as pastor of Orange Beach Baptist Church (now First Baptist Church of Orange Beach) and was instrumental in the formation of the Mifflin Baptist Church. After retiring from the ministry, he was a long-time deacon and leader at his ancestral church, Lagoon Baptist, which presented him in 2016 with the honorific designation of Deacon Emeritus.

He was a 31 year veteran of Baldwin County Public Schools where he was principal of Weeks School and Elberta Consolidated School. He held several guidance and counseling positions through the years at Foley High School and the County Vocational Schools. He drove a school bus for many years and hundreds of schoolchildren just referred to him as “Mr. Buddy”. He would often surprise students when just before Christmas break he would don his Santa suit and drive the school bus as Santa.

Along with driving the school bus as Santa, he served for many years as the official Santa Claus for the City of Orange Beach and delighted children of all ages at various other civic and church events through the years spreading his own unique brand of Christmas cheer.

He loved the water, especially fishing, shrimping and crabbing in his beloved Little Lagoon.

He was predeceased by his parents and his wife of 55 years, Carolyn Wallace. He is survived by his children: Clayton Wallace (Kelly) and Katrina Wallace Russell (Wade) and grandchildren Melanie Russell, Anna Kathryn Russell and Wallace Russell. He is also survived by numerous brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held July 28 at Lagoon Baptist Church, located at 17867 State Hwy 180 W in Gulf Shores. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. with the service to begin at 11. It is requested that beach casual clothing be worn to the service to facilitate transition to an outdoor gathering for food and fellowship at Wallace Landing following the service. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Buddy's name to Affinity Care, a dementia and Alzheimer's daycare facility located at 12440 Magnolia Ave, Magnolia Springs, AL 36555.

Arrangements entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lagoon Baptist Church
17867 AL-180
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Tribute Wall

 Terri
Bonifay

“ Thank you Buddy for many wonderful memories. Larry & Terri Bonifay



Terri Bonifay - July 24, 2018 at 01:27 PM

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“ Carolyn Dugger lit a candle in memory of William H Wallace



Carolyn Dugger - July 15, 2018 at 06:25 PM