



Dr. Wade Walker Burnside Jr.

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Dr. Wade Walker Burnside, Jr., age 90, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville. He was born on March 8, 1929, in Natchez, Mississippi, to Wade Walker, Sr. and Mary Kirk (Newell) Burnside. He is preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Allen McKee Burnside; his sister, Jane Burnside Earnest; his two brothers, Ben Patton Burnside, Sr., and Frank Robinson Burnside, Sr.; his nephew, Ben Patton Burnside, Jr.; his brother-in-law, Claude Earnest; his two sisters-in-law, Virginia Burnside and Marguerite Burnside.

Wade was raised in Newellton, Louisiana. He graduated from Newellton High School in 1946, then attended Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri, for two years. He then entered Tulane University to finish college and was accepted into Tulane Medical School in 1950. He married Sarah Allen McKee in 1953 and graduated medical school in 1954.

Wade interned at Confederate Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, following medical school. He served in the Navy from 1955 to 1957 with honorable discharge. He finished his pediatric residency at Confederate Memorial Medical Center in 1959 and moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas to begin private practice as a pediatrician.

He was certified ASA Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics in 1962, and fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1963. He was instrumental in organizing the Washington County school for children with disabilities and was the first chairman of the board. In 1963 he founded the Elizabeth Richardson Center. In 1972 he was president of the Washington County Medical Society. He was a pediatric consultant for both the Crippled Children's Clinic and the state health department. Then in 1975, he became Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas Area Health Education Center.



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After 20 years of private practice, Wade took a one-year fellowship in adolescent medicine at the University of Washington and practiced for five years. Then he served for thirteen years at the University of Arkansas Student Health Services in various capacities, retiring in 1998.

In retirement, Wade enjoyed serving the community as a volunteer with numerous organizations including Faith in Action, Cooperative Emergency Outreach, a lunch program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and on the boards of five nonprofit organizations. While still working Wade served two short stints at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer in Deschapelles, Haiti. He was a recipient of the Eagle Award in 1998 from The Washington Regional Medical Foundation. He contributed to many local organizations including Theater Squared.

Wade was an active member of First United Presbyterian Church, starting in 1959. He was an Elder, a Stephen Minister, and served the Church in many ministries over sixty years. Wade's remains will be interred in the columbarium, with those of his wife, Sarah, at the Church.

The Burnside family enjoyed traveling throughout their lives. Memorable destinations include Haiti, Spain, England, France, China, Australia, and a three-generation, 50th Anniversary trip to Costa Rica.

Wade Burnside is survived by his daughter, Carol Burnside, of Baltimore, Maryland; his two sons, Allen McKee Burnside, and his wife, Guia (Terrado) Burnside, of Tontitown, and Kirk Burnside, and his wife, Lorie May, of Farmington; his three grandchildren, Sarah Kelsey Burnside McClellan Blackert, and her husband, Don Blackert, Allen Wade Burnside, and Caledonia Alise Burnside; one great-grandchild, Auron Leif Elkins; and his companion, Janet Baker, and her children and their families.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at First United Presbyterian Church at 695 E. Calvin Street, Fayetteville, AR 72703, reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Willard Walker Hospice Home.

A special thanks to Moores Funeral Chapel for their service, support and understanding.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association, Rogers, Arkansas; Cooperative Emergency Outreach, Elizabeth Richardson Center, First United Presbyterian Church Outreach Programs, the Willard Walker Hospice Home, all of Fayetteville; or Hôpital Albert Schweitzer, Deschapelles, Haiti.

Both traditional and casual dress is acceptable.




Events


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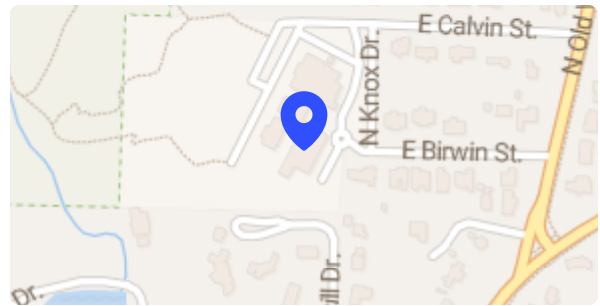
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, January 25, 2020

 10:00 AM CT

 **First United Presbyterian Church**
695 East Calvin Street, Fayetteville AR





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JS

Julie Williams-Stensgard posted:

In 1968, I was 9 years old. My mother carried me through the crowded waiting room to the front desk. Dr. Burnside heard a commotion at the front desk as my mother pleaded with the staff to let him see me. He kindly escorted us to a room and laid me on a table. He gently looked in my eyes, pinched the skin on top of my hand, listened to my heart, and looked at my mother and said, "Put your daughter in your car and take her to the emergency room at Washington Regional. I will follow you in my car and meet you there." I blacked out. After three days and many tests, procedures, diagnosis, and surgery I needed a blood infusion. The IV entry port became extremely painful as the blood passed into my vein. Dr. Burnside took the IV out and personally placed a port and connected the IV with the blood sack into a vein in my foot. He stood on a stool next to my bed, held the blood sack over his head and massaged the bag until all of the contents were emptied into my blood stream. This took at least half an hour. I will never forget looking up at Dr. Burnside in his long white coat, arms over his head, taking time out of his busy day to make me feel safe and comforted. He was a gentle, giant in my eyes...

June 4 at 8:29 AM

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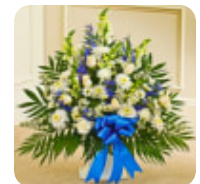
Alice Young posted:

Janet, I am so sorry to hear about Wade's death. We grew up together as children in Newellton and I consider "Sonny" to be one of the finest of men. "Sonny" and I lived across the street from each other and were childhood playmates and have stayed in touch all these years. He was in my wedding and was in the delivery room when I gave birth to my first child. (He was in med school at the time). He never forgot my birthday and I shall miss him and his kindness. Alice Hargrove Young (he knew me as "Doodles")363 Windermere BlvdAlexandria, LA 71303

January 25 at 4:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Burnside family.



January 15 at 8:07 AM

DS

Don Steinkraus posted:

Wade was truly a good man. I went through a period when my work life stressed me and he was willing to listen to me tell him about it, and that was a great blessing. He was a true gentleman and humanity was better off having him on the planet. He laid up many treasures in Heaven.

January 12 at 10:07 AM



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RB

Rick Belt posted:

Wade was first my mentor, later my partner, always my friend. He taught me to be a principled professional, to take our work seriously, but not to take myself too seriously. Dr. Burnside always saw the big picture, handled life's ups and downs with grace. Condolences to his family, let us all celebrate his life. Rick Belt

January 9 at 11:18 AM

MS

Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of your loss.

January 8 at 1:06 PM

ND

Norman R Davison posted:

My Wife and I had our first child, young and new to Fayetteville, and not knowing any Doctors, we decided to interview Dr. Burnside and we were very pleased with our interview and he was the only Doctor that we interviewed. Dr. Burnside got quite a laugh with us, we really loved Dr. Burnside. he was a great person, as well a great Doctor that took his job very serious. We had two daughters and they never did mind going to see Dr. Burnside, he always had such a kind and patient way with our girls. They don't come any better. Norman & Benita Davison Fayetteville, Arkansas

January 8 at 11:58 AM

JC

Jill Cutting posted:

I was a very young (18) mother in 1968. Your dad was my pediatrician and I think the only one in town. I remember him as a very wise and caring man who spent quality time with me and my daughter. At one appointment I was complaining about the struggle I was having trying to get her to take her antibiotics. He turned to me and said "If she's telling you what to do now, what is she going to be like when she is a teenager." That advice changed the whole direction of how I disciplined my child and I always wanted to tell him "she turned out quite good". I have tried to pass that advice on ever since to any parent who would listen. I wasn't surprised to see all his accomplishments in the wonderful obituary I read today. What a joy and how proud you must be to be his children. My condolences to you all. Jill Cutting Fort Smith

January 8 at 5:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wade by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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