



Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr.

December 27, 1954 - June 1, 2018

Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett, Jr.
El Dorado, AR / Haynesville, LA

Dr. Garrett passed away on June 1, 2018 in El Dorado, Arkansas after a lengthy illness. He was born December 27, 1954 in Haynesville, Louisiana to Juanita Lowe Garrett and Dawson Garrett and lived a life of honor and dedication.

He attended Haynesville High school where he served as the trainer for the State Champion Golden Tornado football team and went on to Louisiana Tech University where he was a football trainer for the champion Bulldogs. He was a lifelong Tornado and Tech fan and supporter. He graduated from both high school and college with honors, going on to LSU Dental School in New Orleans where he was elected president of his class.

Dr. Garrett established a dentistry practice in El Dorado, Arkansas where he loyally served his patients for 32 years. He was extremely active in many professional organizations, including the American Dental Association and the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, where he served as president. Over the years he received many awards and recognitions from his peers. Wendell was the "ultimate dentist" always placing the needs of his patients at the top of the list and right below his patients he had the profession of dentistry by his heart. There is no office in the dental associations he did not hold or assist in. Governor Huckabee appointed him to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, an honor and privilege he took very seriously. In 2004 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the State Dental Association. Wendell was president of the State Dental Association in 2007-2008, an office he represented with honor and dignity. He was a national leader in the Academy of General Dentistry and served on the board of the National Museum of Dentistry. The profession of dentistry is much better because of the love and attention Wendell afforded it.

He was always a generous and giving person who donated time and money to numerous organizations and efforts, including charitable dental services in his own community and in

mission trips to other countries. In addition he kept his family and friends well supplied in toothbrushes and dental floss, which was appreciated.

Dr. Garrett was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his sister, Lyn Johnson and husband Michael, his niece Pepper and her husband Jason and grand nephews Eli and William, as well as aunts, Mitzi Perry, and Marti Lowe, and numerous cousins, and friends.

A visitation will be held at Bailey Funeral Home in El Dorado, AR on Tuesday, June 5th from 5PM to 7PM.

Funeral service will be held at Haynesville United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 7th at 11 a.m with Rev. Fred Wideman officiating. Preceding the service the family will receive visitors at the church from 10AM to 11AM. Interment will follow the service at Shady Grove cemetery in Haynesville, LA under the direction of Bailey funeral home.

Pallbearers will be, Keith Kilgore, Bob Bond, Dr. Gene Jines, John E. Colvin, Jim Oakes, William Cyphers Jr., Alan Middlebrooks, and Billy Tarpley.

Honorary pallbearers will be, Alton "Red" Franklin, Joe Marlon Lee, Joe Rainer, Harold Atkins, Haynesville Golden Tornado from 1970-73, LA Tech Bulldogs from 1973-77, Ralph Langston Jr., Dr. William Cyphers, Dr. Wayne McMahan, and members of the Arkansas dental Association.

The family would like to give special thanks to Tajuana Stocks for many years of loyal service, the staff at Oak Ridge Nursing and Rehab in El Dorado, Dr Smart, and the ICU staff at Medical Center of South Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to The Haynesville Beautification, 1909 Main St, Haynesville, LA 71038, McMahan Veterinary Hospital, 1013 Reynolds St. Springhill, LA 71075, or the charity of your choice.

Please sign our online guestbook at www.baileyfuneralhome.net

Cemetery

Shady Grove Cemetery

Shady Grove Road

Haynesville, LA, 71038

Events

JUN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Bailey Funeral Home - El Dorado

400 North College Ave., El Dorado, AR, US, 71730

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Haynesville United Methodist Church

8179 Louisiana 534, Haynesville, LA, US, 71038

JUN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Just ran across this page. I know im late but compelled to write about Wendell. I have fond memories about 1973 and the La Tech Bulldog football National Champs. Wendell took great care of the players and was a big part of that team. Myself, Danny Norris and Charlie New had a chance to go visit Wendell one Saturday morning on a Ruston game day that evening in the 2017 season. we all really enjoyed our visit. I had not been with Wendell since I left Tech in 1974. What great memories of a special person and team mate from my college days. May we all see one another again in Gods Heaven and share the love for each other that we realized on earth. My best to Wendell's family.
Steve Kahn
73 Dawgs

Steve Kahn - April 22 at 09:35 AM



“ Lyn, Michael, and Pepper. I am so very saddened to have learned of Wendell's passing. He was a good friend and a very good and caring person and will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, but I know Wendell is now at his real home with Jesus in Heaven reunited with the ones he loved so much and lost his earthly relationships with.

Donnie Zimmerman - July 04, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ Stunned and saddened to hear of Wendell's passing. We lost touch with each other after leaving Tech. He to dental school and to Arkansas and I to Texas then to South Carolina with my architecture practice. We shared countless hours laboring with the Bulldogs in the training room, on the field and on the road. Memories I cherish and would not trade for anything. It was an honor to have worked with him as a student trainer and get into mischief. It is one of my few regrets in life not to have kept in contact with him, although he was often (and will forever be) in my thoughts and recollections of good times at Tech.

Joe Prothro
Greenwood, SC

Joe Prothro - June 18, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ Wendell and I served together on SRTA for many years and we shared many memories of good times and tumultuous times. Wendell was one of the most kindhearted and unselfish persons that I have ever known, sometimes almost to a fault. I will keep the best memories of him in my heart. Deepest condolences to his family for a true caring and gentle man.

Dr. Steve Holcomb
Kathleen, GA

Steve F Holcomb, DMD - June 12, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ My condolences to Wendell's family. He was a friend of mine at LSUSD. Such a nice guy.

Gregory DeJean - June 12, 2018 at 05:37 AM



“ I will miss Dr. Garrett. I have a fear of dentists and he helped me through each of my visits with his kindness. He always took time to talk to me about family . Prayers are with all those that loved him.



Nancy Beene - June 07, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ Chuck Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr.



chuck taylor - June 06, 2018 at 11:32 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr..



June 06, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Started seeing Dr Wendell in 1989 and we shared a occupation of being employed by James Davision of Davision Transportation , he worked part time working for the Ruston terminal while going through collage and I myself was working for them by Transport Co Inc in El Dorado,Ar as a driver but James Davision owned the company at the time . Any time I went to see Dr Wendell he always wanted to know what was going on with the company and we had a common like for just traveling and driving the big trucks. This news of his passing has taken out a part of my life that I enjoyed sharing with him and the crazy stories we shared with each other when I got to visit with him and the staff he had that all seemed like family . God speed Dr Garrett you made this world a easier place to live in .

Tommy Pugh - June 06, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ Wendell was a kind and most thoughtful friend of our family for many years. Our world is a much better place because of his life He touched our lives and the lives of so many in a beautiful positive way. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Wendell.

Al and Martha Abila

Martha Abila - June 06, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ Tim and I have been blessed to have Wendell in our lives. He was a great friend, Uncle Wendell to our kids and godfather to our daughter. He was kind, generous, loving and funny. Wendell made the world a better place. He will be greatly missed. Love you Wendell. Rest in Peace.

Tim and Leslie Delcambre - June 06, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ Wendell leaves a legacy of caring and giving. Whatever the job you could always count on him. His passion for Arkansas Dentistry and SRTA was displayed his entire professional life. We will certainly miss him this Friday at our annual session of the Southwest District Dental Society which will be in El Dorado. He was so vital to our district and we will miss him greatly. Rest in Peace my friend. Job well done. David J. Bell, DDS, Arkadelphia

David J. Bell, DDS - June 05, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ When Wendell was a part of the Louisiana Tech football program, I was working for the Housing Dept and lived in the apartment for the athletic dorm. I got to know Wendell and learned what a great person he was. He told me he wanted to go to Veterinarian school. Either his grandfather or uncle was a longtime leader in the Louisiana Legislature, but Wendell said he was not going to use any influence to get in. He was either going to get in on his own or not at all. When he was not accepted, he tried for Dental school instead. Obviously God's plan for Wendell positively affected so many people. I have shared Wendell's story with many people, including with Wendell when I sat next to him at a sports banquet in Shreveport a few years ago. He was very humble as he told me things worked out best for him as God opened the right doors. Things were never about him; it was always about others. We already miss him, but we'll see him again in Heaven.

Glenn Theis - June 05, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Wendell was such a fantastic friend and the most caring and kind person I know. I'll miss him terribly. Even though we were miles apart we still talked and emailed. I always got a birthday card, and anniversary card, usually with a surprise inside. Whenever we traveled together he would give all the flight attendants toothbrushes. He was always so thoughtful and level headed. He was a tremendous help to me with my presidential year with SRTA. He sure made the world a better place. Ill miss you buddy!

Kim Westermann - June 05, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr..





“ Dr Garrett was a very caring man, when my husband past away which was his patient too, he gave me the book Heaven is Real and blue glass birds. We loved him, he was the best. I went to see him while he was in oak Ridge nursing home



Mary Dixon - June 05, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ Will miss my dear Capricorn dentist and friend. Our birthdays were a day apart. Super nice and caring to my family. He also donated brushes, floss and toothpaste for me to mail to my son in Iraq. Will be truly missed.

Ginnie Daniels - June 05, 2018 at 08:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Dr. Garrett, he was a wonderful dentist and friend. He was a very caring and thoughtful person to me and my family and he will be greatly missed. Jeanie, Mike, April and John Miles

Jeanie Miles - June 05, 2018 at 07:23 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Dr. Wendell. He served me and my family for many years when we lived in El Dorado. Everytime we went to J J's Barbecue, he was usually there at a table full of his friends. He will be greatly missed.

Linda Kay Wilson - June 05, 2018 at 05:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr..



June 04, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ I have never met a finer man than Dr. Garrett. He was such a good dentist and my friend. Anytime I had an issue, whether it was the weekend or evening, he would gladly come to the office to take care of me. This world has lost a great man and it was a privilege to know him. RIP Dr. Garrett. God has gained an Angel.

Angel Wolfe

Angel Wolfe - June 04, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr..



June 04, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ 82 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bailey Funeral Home - June 04, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ Wendell was our dentist for many years. He was also a friend. He would give you a card on your Birthday or Anniversary every year. He was a caring and interesting person to be around. On Fridays he would come to JJ's BBQ for supper and we would all sit around and discuss our week. Such beautiful memories. We will miss him. Our prayers goes out to Wendell's family. Mike and Eugenia Buffington

Mike Buffington - June 04, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ Wendell Garrett - a shining example of the person that we all should be. He was warm, kind, caring, sharing, generous and compassionate. Wendell was a friend who eventually became our family's dentist for a while when we lived in the El Dorado area. I am a better person for having had Wendell Garrett in my life and knowing him as a true friend, not just as our dentist. No one loved LA Tech anymore than Wendell Garrett. During his time with the football team, he gave his all just as he did in his professional career. Lord, you got a good one.

danny g norris - June 04, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ Wendell was one of the best, most respected, and beloved person in our profession. His integrity and dedication were unmatched. I will miss him deeply.
Jan Jolly

Jan Jolly - June 04, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr..



Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. - June 04, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ I had the opportunity to meet and work with Dr. Garrett from our organization, SRTA and I can say that he was the most wonderful and caring person I had ever met. He always lit up with a smile when greeting you. He was a great contributor to our organization and will be missed immensely. May he Rest in Peace.



“ Dr. Garrett was not only our dentist, he was our friend. He wrote a letter of recommendation to help our daughter get in to nursing school at La Tech, for which we will always be grateful. We enjoyed many a La Tech football game thanks to his generous giving. He will be greatly missed. We regret that we are out of town and will not be able to attend his visitation.



Alissa Wilson - June 04, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ Wendell will be missed. Such a wonderful caring person. He was a big part of the SRTA agency and will always be remembered for the influence he made on this organization. He always had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. Great guy who will me missed.

Mike McBride, DDS

Mike McBride - June 04, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ My husband Tommy and I send our condolences to the family of Dr Garrett. what a generous caring person he was, always ask about Tommy every time I was there. He and Tommy shared their truck driving stories as both worked for the same company. We will truly miss him and thank him for the 30 plus years of service as our dentist. May God comfort all during this sorrowful time



Tommy and Bonita Pugh - June 04, 2018 at 07:08 AM



“ I was a member of the 1973-74 football teams at Louisiana Tech and met Wendell through that association. Upon his first arrival, Wendell's ever-present smile and enthusiasm made him an instant locker room favorite.

As a trainer, he spent innumerable hours before and after practices undertaking many thankless and humbling tasks, but nevertheless was always ready with an encouraging word.

The 1973 and 1974 football teams were among Tech's most successful in its history. An underlying and undocumented component of that success was a cheerful, humble trainer who continually lifted the spirits of the players, the coaches and his co-workers. I'm a better person because of my good fortune that my life intersected, even for a relatively brief time, with Dr. Garrett.

Rick Shirley - June 04, 2018 at 04:01 AM



“ Dr. Garrett was a wonderful dentist. I will surely miss him!



Lacy Newman Humphreys - June 04, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ Brian, Jessica, & Ryleigh Rae Cyphers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Wendell Dawson Garrett Jr..



Brian, Jessica, & Ryleigh Rae Cyphers - June 03, 2018 at 08:59 PM