



Wade "Butch" Melvin Gushee

January 27, 1950 - August 22, 2025

Wade Melvin "Butch" Gushee, 75, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, went to be with the Lord on August 22, 2025. He was born on January 27, 1950, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Frankie Minirith and Jack Gushee.

Wade grew up alongside his sisters, Janet, Jane, and Jacqueline. After graduating from high school, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he proudly served his country as a combat medic from 1969 to 1971. Butch endured the hardships of being a prisoner of war and was recognized for his extraordinary courage on the battlefield. A decorated Army veteran, his commendations include the Bronze Star for heroism after entering battle while under fire, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Following his time in the Army, Wade pursued higher education and earned his Master's degree from Columbia University. He was later honored with a Doctorate. He went on to work in several fields before discovering his true calling as a nursing home administrator, where his compassion and leadership touched many lives.

Wade married the love of his life, Patty, on September 19, 2000. Together, they made their home in Bartlesville, where they built a life full of love, faith, and family.

Twenty-five years ago, Wade dedicated his life to the Lord at the Cowboy Camp Meeting in Lenapah, Oklahoma. He later became a pastor with Cornerstone Hospice and was a dedicated member of Victory Worship Center for the past 12 years, where he also served as a deacon for part of that time. His faith was the cornerstone of his life; he lived it out through service, kindness, and love for others.

Wade is remembered by his children — Matthew Gushee, Mary Katherine Anderson, Jennifer Gushee, Margret Kirkpatrick, Kyla White, and Kelcie White — along with their families. He especially cherished being a grandfather. He also loved his dogs, who were constant companions throughout his life.

He enjoyed attending church, cheering for the Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals, fishing, golfing, reading, going to movies, taking long drives with Patty, collecting clothes of all styles, and was well-known for his love of shoes. Above all, he loved the life he built with Patty and the time spent with family.

Wade is survived by his wife, Patty, of the home; his sister, Janet Hames; his children and 13 grandchildren; and many other family members and friends who loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frankie and Jack; his sisters, Jane and Jacqueline; and his son, Cody White.

Wade will be remembered as a faithful servant of God, a proud and decorated veteran, and a man whose legacy of strength and devotion will continue through those who knew him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory Walker-Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Victory Worship Center
2350 SE Washington Blvd
Suite 412
Bartlesville, OK 74006
victory@openyourfaith.com
<https://www.victoryworship.center/about>

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Wade was never a prisoner of war and what was written about him is all lies, he sure fooled a lot of people, you can ask his kids, they don't lie or you or you can check the VA*

robert wyatt - August 30, 2025 at 12:51 AM

RH

That don't need to be posted the man passed. You are rude!!!!!!

Rhonda - September 15, 2025 at 02:12 PM

SL

“ *Wade always had a smile on his face, a friendly laugh and easy to talk to no matter the circumstances which brought our family together.
His Christen belief came through in his gentle voice.
There was no doubt about his love for his sisters and cousins.
God needed another beautiful flower to add to his bouquet of flowers. Wade has once again been reunited with his family in a peaceful life.*

Susan & Chris Lillich - August 25, 2025 at 11:24 AM

RW

Wade WAS NEVER A prisoner of war in the Army he was in the army reserve when I knew him in Kansas City Kansas, you can check the VA records, his first wife and his kids knew nothing of his claims of service, you can call me to verify 9133282200

robert wyatt - August 28, 2025 at 01:49 PM

RH

That's crazy of you Mr.Robert to be anything on this mans Memorial.If u don't have nothing nice to say mr than don't say anything at all!

Rhonda - September 15, 2025 at 02:18 PM

GG

“ *Gina, Kayla, Shayla (Clinic Lab Girls) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wade "Butch" Melvin Gushee.*



Gina, Kayla, Shayla (Clinic Lab Girls) - August 25, 2025 at 11:17 AM