



Mr. Reese 'Wayne' Champion Sr.

December 12, 1944 - June 21, 2020

Mr. Reese 'Wayne' Champion Sr., 75 of Oxford, was promoted to Glory on June 21, 2020.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his three sons, Artie Champion and his wife Julie, Reese Champion and his wife Cindy, and Keith Champion and his wife Matina; his granddaughters, Whitney Champion, Amber Champion Danelutt and her husband Justin, Eve Ann Champion Blohm and her husband Jeff, Autumn Champion Ponder and her husband Dean, and Ada Belle Champion; great grandson, Evan Champion Blohm; great granddaughters, Everly Cotton Blohm and Lillian Marie Danelutt; siblings, Martha Kinder and her husband Don, Jimmy Champion and his wife Margaret, Donald Champion and his wife Susie, Ricky Champion and his wife Jeanette, Randy Champion and his wife DD, Stevie Champion and his wife Nina and Danny Champion and his wife Sharon; brothers in law, Steve Mockabee and his wife Elixis and Bill Mockabee and his wife Debra; his fur baby, Harley, and a blessing of too many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members to count.

He is greeted in Heaven by his wife of 56 years, Libby Champion; parents, Ralph and Lucille Champion; siblings, Jerry Champion, Phyllis Frisby, Gayle Champion; parents in law, Louis and Lois Mockabee, and a nephew, Matthew Mockabee.

If you looked up in a dictionary 'Christian', you would simply find Wayne Champion's name listed. He prayed before every meal, loved others with a pure Christ-like love, never judgemental, and was willing to share the love and story of Jesus with just about anyone who would listen. He attended the Salvation Army in Anniston before attending Faith Baptist in Coldwater. He and his wife made Hillcrest Baptist Church their home church.

In his early years, Wayne was active in the Boy Scouts making his way to become an Eagle Scout. He retired from Southern Tool, where he was a shipping and receiving supervisor, after 30 years of service. He and his wife volunteered at Coldwater Elementary for several years where they made several friends and nourished the lives of many children. A few years ago, he came out of retirement and worked part time for the City of Oxford.

He was a phenomenal artist, creating many pieces for his family and his own home. He even tinkered with stained glass for a while and even those were beautiful. He was so creative and it made him one of the best story and joke tellers to walk this earth. Wayne could hold anyone's attention with his intriguing fables, captivating stories and hilarious jokes.

The good Lord broke the mold when he made Wayne Champion. There will never be another man as sweet, honest, gentle, or kind as him. The world became a little dimmer when he took his last breath.

A service will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Toby Miller Chapel at Miller Funeral Home with his brother in law, Bill Mockabee, officiating. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the family will receive friends for a short period once the service is over. At his request, he will be cremated after the service and reunited with his love, Libby.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the staff at

Encompass Hospice for the gentle love and care they have shown not only Wayne but to the family during the last days. We would also like to thank Dr. Spremulli, Dr. Narkhede, the staff at UAB, and the staff at Spain Rehab for everything they did while treating him.

To order flowers, please visit www.millerfloristandgifts.com or call 256-835-0911

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home
50 Hamric Drive East
Oxford, AL 36203
(256) 831-4611
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Wayne was a wonderful friend and coworker...he was a great man and always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes...I worked with Wayne many years ago at J.C. Penney.. We moved on and remained friends.. He and Libbie were wonderful people..Wayne is with his sweet Libby and happy...wayne us gone but not forgotten...RIP my sweet friend.

Carol Walden - June 25, 2020 at 02:30 PM

DJ

“ Wayne was such sweet and loving Christians man. We will miss him but know that he is celebrating with Libby now. You are in our prayers. Tony and Doris Jones

Doris Jones - June 25, 2020 at 12:18 PM

WM

“ Mr and Mrs Champion volunteered at Coldwater Elementary. They would always greet you with a smile and a hug. They would make your day brighter and your workload lighter. Heaven is singing glorious sounds. Blessings and prayers to his family.

Wanda (Cook) Manning - June 22, 2020 at 08:52 PM

DM

“ I am so glad that I have been a friend of Wayne all of my life. He was a very good man he will be missed by all who knew him. David andJody

david morrison - June 22, 2020 at 02:32 PM

AP

“ I'am so sorry for the loss of Wayne Champion. He was so loved. He was the best man that I ever met. I will never forget him. I am missing him so much, all though I know he is Happy and in his Heavenly Home.

Alice Parris - June 22, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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Alice Parris - June 22, 2020 at 01:10 PM

AP

“ Lit a candle in memory of



Alice Parris - June 22, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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Alict Parris - June 22, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *When I think of Uncle Wayne, I think of how he would always make me feel as if I was his most favorite niece and the prettiest girl in the room. How wonderful his hugs would smell and how he would not leave without saying, "I love you baby". Uncle Wayne has always been such a sweet & loving uncle and I will be forever grateful for the sincere love that he and Aunt Libby gave me and my two brothers throughout our lives. We love you Uncle Wayne. Krystal*

Krystal Leek - June 22, 2020 at 12:30 PM

TB

“ *We know Wayne Champion is at peace and celebrating with Libby (The Love Of His Life) today in Heaven. Wayne was a wonderful friend. He was so kind and loving with a great sense of humor. He loved the Lord with a passion and shared that love with others. They told us many times how they loved the Saturday meals with all of their family!*

We already miss him so much as we do Libby. How blessed we were to have called them our friends.

Terry, Jenny, and Alan Brown

Terry Brown - June 22, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DB

“ Wayne and Libby Champion, in my mind and heart, are the best examples of how Christians should walk. They loved their God, they loved each other, they loved their family, they loved their church family, and they loved and supported this pastor. I had the privilege of serving as their pastor for seven years at Faith Baptist Church. They were supportive, caring, and loving and they were willing to lend a hand in everything we asked of them. Heaven's halls are brighter today and I believe people are probably gathered to hear him tell a story or two. Rest in peace, My Dear Brother. Dr. Jackie Bentley, former Pastor and Friend Always

Dr. Jackie Bentley - June 22, 2020 at 12:10 PM

BM

“ I had the opportunity to work with him and his lovely wife on occasion at Coldwater Elementary School. He was such a sweet person, and I know he will be missed!

Becky Morris - June 22, 2020 at 10:46 AM

MJ

“ Uncle Wayne could always hold his nieces, Wendee Dulaney and Amy Newell's attention with his stories of Mr. McGregor. The girls couldn't wait for Christmas Day lunch so they could go show Uncle Wayne what Santa had brought them. He was the most humble, kind man I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He's walking the streets of gold now with his beautiful bride, Libby. Loved by so very many and will be missed beyond comprehension. R.I.P. Uncle Wayne.

Malleigh Jones - June 22, 2020 at 10:41 AM