



Louis Dewett

July 22, 1935 - May 31, 2017

Louis Dewett, 81, of Springdale passed away May 31, 2017 at his home after his long and courageous battle with cancer. He had his wife, daughter, and son-in-law at his side during his passing. He was born July 22, 1935, in Webb City, Arkansas to Bill and Era Dewett.

Louis was devoted to his family and dearly loved his wife of 60 years, Mary Belle Holloway Dewett. He loved his daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family. He enjoyed preaching, working in the public schools, hunting and fishing, and, after retirement he became an avid golfer. He made life-long friends from all these endeavors.

He was an all-around athlete who graduated from Ozark High School. He was a first generation graduate from the University of the Ozarks (formerly called the College of the Ozarks) in Clarksville, Arkansas. While there, he lettered in football and baseball and became a three-time Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference baseball catcher. He was invited for a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals; however, his heart was fixed on public service as a pastor and school educator.

At age 17, he was ordained to the ministry. Thus, began a 40 year period of active ministry as a bi-vocational minister. He was called to his first church during his senior year in college. Upon college graduation, Louis became the head football, basketball and track coach at Ozark High School. Newly married in 1956 to his college sweetheart, they began their seven year ministry at Woodland Baptist Church at Clarksville. During this time, a very

important event occurred: the arrival of their daughter, Lee Ann. In 1963, Louis accepted an assistant coaching job (football, basketball and track) with Springdale High School and continued with his bi-vocational ministry. He ministered at Mason Valley Baptist Church near Highfill and Southside Baptist Church in Fayetteville. In 1967, he obtained his Master's degree in counseling education from the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville. Louis left the coaching ranks and became a counselor at Springdale High School, eventually becoming the Guidance Coordinator for the Springdale School System. Also, in 1967, Louis found his "home church" at Oak Grove Baptist Church. He and his wife enjoyed serving there for 29 years. After retirement, Louis was a member at Elmdale Baptist Church. Louis always enjoyed attending sporting events, high school football, Razorback football, basketball, track, and baseball. He was a Razorback basketball season ticket holder for many years beginning in Barnhill Arena.

Through his 37 years as an educator and 40 years as a pastor, he impacted an untold number of lives. His greatest joys in life were serving His Lord and Savior and spending time with his family and friends. He certainly touched many by his example of "walking the walk." He leaves a profound legacy of faith for family and friends from all walks of life. His passing leaves a void in many lives that will go unfilled.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, daughter, Lee Ann Looney, her husband Stacy of Springdale; granddaughter, Cara Posegate, her husband Josh of Nixa, Missouri; granddaughter Becca Moody, her husband John of Fayetteville; six great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Landon Posegate, and Henry Louis, Charlie, Maribel and Eileen Moody; one sister, Phillis Minton of Ozark; and numerous other relatives whom he loved very much. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Era Dewett and nephew, Jeff Yates. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the Willard Walker Hospice House for their in home care and compassion. A special thanks goes to Dylan and Vickie.

Visitation will be held at Sisco Funeral Chapel on Sunday, June 4th, from 2-

4pm. Memorial service will be at Elmdale Baptist Church in Springdale at 11:00am, Monday, June 5th.

A private family graveside service will be at Elm Springs Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Willard Walker Hospice House, 325 East Longview Street, Fayetteville, AR 72703 or Elmdale Baptist Church, 1700 West Huntsville, Springdale, AR 72762.

Cemetery Details

Elm Springs Cemetery

101 Lawnview Lane
Springdale, AR 72762

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Elmdale Baptist Church
1700 W. Huntsville Ave.
Springdale, AR 72762
<http://www.elmdale.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Dewett*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sad to hear about your dad Lee Ann. He made a difference in many peoples lives. Always a gracious person (even when he took my money at a tournament) and always had time for others. Rest in Peace Mr Dewitt leave some fish for me when I get there.*

Dickie Lester

Dick Lester - June 07, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ *Louis Dewett was one of the most genuinely kind men I have ever known. He was an incredible individual who you could always count on to "be there" when you needed him. Louis lived his life with grace, forgiveness and love for everyone. He will be missed sorely, as he was such an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Catch some big ones "up there", and we'll have a big fish fry when we join you! Love always, Cheryl Moore*

Cheryl Moore - June 04, 2017 at 11:30 PM



“ *Mr. Dewitt was a class individual and gave great guidance during my high school years in Springdale. Some people leave positive impressions that last well past them. He was one who did.*

David Gilmer

David Gilmer - June 04, 2017 at 09:26 PM

JG

“ Louis was a class ahead of my class in Ozark. And, we have had a lot of incredible people that called that little town in the river valley, their home. But, Louis Dewett was one of the very finest men I have EVER known! I will forever remember when he told me one day that he had surrendered to the ministry! Louis never forgot his roots and he never forgot his friend...even after almost 65 years! As a coach...as a minister...as a friend, Louis has left a legacy that is a testimony to the life he lived and to the lives he has touched.

John Greer - June 04, 2017 at 04:43 PM

GG

“ I learned a lot of "life's" lessons from Coach so many years ago. I appreciated his patience and interest that was shown to me as a student-athlete at Springdale High School. I have fond memories of this fine man. He touched my life and the lives of so many others. Our condolences to his family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

George and Linda Green

George Green - June 04, 2017 at 03:38 PM

JC

“ Our family was so blessed to have had Louis as a minister when he pastored Oak Grove Baptist Church He was a guide as to how we, as Christians, are to live our lives. His wife, Mary, was our wonderful Sunday School teacher. God has blessed him with a wonderful family and so very many friends and loved ones. We look forward to seeing him again someday! Love and comfort to his dear family. Johnny and Danelle Carpenter & family.

John and Danelle Carpenter - June 04, 2017 at 08:22 AM

KM

“ Ken and Linda (Looney) McCasland purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Louis Dewett.



Ken and Linda (Looney) McCasland - June 03, 2017 at 04:37 PM

TH

“ Louis was my high school counselor , help and encouraged me to enroll at the UofA my senior year in 1970. Over the years we became friends, which I valued very much. He helped so many people.

Tommy Holland - June 03, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Memories of Louis Album




Sisco Funeral Chapel - June 03, 2017 at 10:28 AM

LL

“ *Best daddy ever!!!! So blessed to have you for my earthly father. And nice to be the only child, I had you all to myself. :) But, then I shared you with Stacy, my kids, and grandkids. Love you daddy!!!*

Lee Ann Looney - June 03, 2017 at 09:37 AM

 Dale
Tyler

“ *Louis was the definition of a role model. His rewards in heaven will be many. The greatest gift is love and Louis spread that gift wherever he went. Prayers to Mary, Lee Ann, Stacy and all the family.*

Dale Tyler - June 03, 2017 at 06:34 AM

ST

“ *I'm so sad by his passing. He was my guidance counselor, my dad's good friend, he married me and my late husband, he presided over my husband funeral and my dad's funeral. He was such an honorable man and was loved by many. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Shelley Skansen Turner - June 02, 2017 at 11:05 PM

RH

“ *WE PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO WERE MENTORED AND TAUGHT UNDER LOUIS DEWETT'S TENURE AT THE SPRINGDALE SCHOOLS, SEND CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THE FAMILIES. OUR RHONDA AND HOLLY HARRISON LOVED HIM AND HIS FAMILY. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU...*

Rondell "Ron" Harrison - June 02, 2017 at 10:28 PM

MN

“ Mr. Dewett had a servants heart and touched so many lives from the pulpit to the Springdale School system to just his friends wherever he went. He was such an amazing person and family man, but most of all an amazing Christain. He served the lord unconditionally with all his heart. RIP Mr. Dewett !! Prayers to the family during this time. I pray God's richest blessings on everyone that knew him.

Mark Nelson - June 02, 2017 at 09:33 PM

RY

“ Louis was my brother-in-law and such a special man, who touched so many lives. We will miss him each and every day. Love Rita

Rita Yates - June 02, 2017 at 07:37 PM

LQ

“ So blessed to be a part of Oak Grove and have this man baptize me and perform my wedding. His family has always felt like "home". Love you all.

Lisa Quinn - June 02, 2017 at 06:51 PM

 Dave
Yeager

“ Mr. Dewett was my guidance councilor back long ago and far away at SHS. A fine man whom we can only hope to emulate. Peace to his soul and his family. Dave Yeager, class of 76

Dave Yeager - June 02, 2017 at 06:42 PM

NB

“ I am so sad. I am praising God that this man baptized me so that I will get to see him again. He was an amazing preacher, mentor and friend. He was always there when we needed him and willing to be a part of our family. We love you Mary, LeAnn, Stacy, Kara and Becca. My heart is so heavy. -Nikki

Nikki Bell - June 02, 2017 at 02:03 PM

TW

“ Such a kind soul and representative of a Christian faith. He has joined greatness.
May God fill your void with precious memories.

Teresa Pace Willard - June 02, 2017 at 11:50 AM

DM

“ We share in your loss of this great man! He touched many lives through the years and Doug loved having him as a coach and always enjoyed seeing him. Our love and prayers!
Doug and Linda Miller

Doug Miller - June 02, 2017 at 10:53 AM

RW

“ I only knew Louis a short time after moving here a couple of years ago but it didn't take long to see his kind heart and gentle spirit. Thankful God placed Louis in my life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Robert Waddill - June 02, 2017 at 10:32 AM

RF

“ Coach Dewett was a good man & someone I looked up to. He will be missed. Roy Fears

Roy Fears - June 02, 2017 at 08:31 AM