



Dr. C. Wade Meade

October 9, 1932 - October 27, 2015

A memorial service for Dr. C. Wade Meade of Tyler, Texas will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 7, 2015, in the University Center Theatre at LSU Shreveport. Cremation will be under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home of Tyler.

Dr. Meade was born near Dripping Springs, Texas. He grew up in Pollock, Louisiana. He received a BS in Geology from the University of Texas and an MS and PHD in History from Louisiana Tech University. He served as a marine during the Korean war and was awarded the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Medal, and the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal. Dr. Meade taught history at Louisiana Tech University for 39 years, from 1967-2006, and the University of Texas at Tyler from 2007-2013. During his academic career, Dr. Meade wrote five history books and was working on his sixth. He held the McGinty Chair of History and served as the History museum director.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, Herschel Meade and Robert Meade; and his sister Charlene Meade Evans.

He is survived by his daughter, Dawn Meade of Houston, Texas; and son Don Meade of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Online tributes/condolences may be added at www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

NOV 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

University Center Theatre
Louisiana State University
Shreveport, LA

Tribute Wall

KW

“ If you knew Dr. Meade, you know who unified Egypt in 3100 BC. I'll never forget playing Willie Nelson songs with him on Fridays at the end of one of his classes every week in the Tech "museum".

karl williamson - May 24, 2023 at 02:10 PM

JC

“ I remember taking Roman history during the summer. We had an Orientation Leader that was constantly late to class even when there was no orientation. We started having a class pool on when she would show up. Of course, Dr. Meade organized it. There was never a better storyteller or teacher of his time. Yes, Egypt was founded in 3100 BC, Narmer was the pharaoh. Yes, Dr. Meade was in the second grade when this happened. No, Dr. Meade the Cowboys are not the best football team ever created. Yes, the world is a lesser place in your absence.

James K. Cottrell
A Member of Meade's 23rd Legion

James K. Cottrell - October 11, 2017 at 07:21 PM

 Lorin King

“ I had Dr. Meade for every history class that he taught and even went to Tech Rome with him, he was one of the smartest, funniest and truly learned individuals that I ever had the privilege to know. I hold a lot of fond memories of him and his series of roman outfits until reaching his generals outfit at the end of the term.

Professor Lorin R. King
Head of Science
Western Nebraska Community College

Lorin King - August 11, 2017 at 10:24 PM

JS

“ I took Dr Weade for several classes at LaTech. In Roman History I was #21. In another class, he referred to me as John-Candy-Ass-Sutherlin. He was smart, quick-witted and a great story teller.

20 years later, I still know that Narmer unified Egypt.

John W. Sutherlin, PhD

john sutherlin - March 28, 2016 at 04:01 PM

JD

“ Was truly a great teacher and even better friend. He will be missed by all who had the honor to know him. All Hail Caesar!

Joey Davis - February 24, 2016 at 02:55 AM



“ Dr Meade was one of my favorite teachers EVER. Always "learn ya something" was a great phrase....I still use that here in China with my students. Miss you Doc.

*David Yost
Shanghai China*

David Yost - February 24, 2016 at 02:40 AM

PW

I used to sit outside his class and listen to him before I ever took him For anything. Ended up taking him for 4 classes. What a great lecturer, and a real personality! One of the best I ever had.

peter watson - October 04, 2016 at 09:45 PM

GC

Hey crossed my mind today as I was telling someone who unified north and south Egypt, the year and how he died. "You will not remember anything else from this class but you will know who unified Egypt, when it was done and how he died." Forty something years later. Narmer, 3100 BC, He was bitten in half by a hippo while hunting.

Garrett Crawford - July 23, 2021 at 01:43 PM

BW

“ Dr. Meade was my friend and professor. He was so young at heart and full of life. It was a blessing to be able to share a few years of his life. He shared so much information with his students and genuinely loved to educate. He was such a character and I will miss him dearly.

Beth Womack - November 17, 2015 at 07:27 PM

TD

“ What a great educator. I really enjoyed his classes and how he made history so interesting. I remember eating warm Shipley donuts a time or two with him. Tina Feldt Davis - LATech graduate 1981.



Tina Feldt Davis - November 05, 2015 at 11:53 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. C. Wade Meade.



November 04, 2015 at 05:17 PM

JD

“ I was Dr. Meade's student worker at Louisiana Tech from 2003-2006 and I don't even know where to begin sharing! Taking Dr. Meade's world history class changed my life... I met my husband there! He started each class with a "Buon Giorno" and at least once a quarter dressed as his namesake, Julius Caesar. The outfit was perfect, right down to the gladiator boots. I still remember his personalized LA license plate - with the latin I for the J...just as it should be. He was a tough professor but quite fair and probably a little too generous with the curve (I graded the tests for him and sheesh, some people!). I worked for him in the archives which required me to do such things as varnish a mammoth tusk borrowed from UT with a foam brush, carry swords across campus, and wrap probably cursed indian pottery and dog skulls in bubble wrap. It was an amazing experience and quite possibly the best job on campus! He also treated me to several Monjunies meals (who doesn't love the sauce) and perhaps one or two meals at Chiantis in Shreveport. He was very smart and lead a most impressive life. I don't think a single one of his former students will ever forget him and I will miss him dearly. I do wish I could attend his memorial service but I just had a little baby girl. I will be thinking of Dr. Meade and his family on 11/7. Please know that all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jillian Rowlett Denys - November 04, 2015 at 04:10 PM

TC

“ Dawn and Donnie:
So sorry to read in the paper about your Dad's passing. Although I never had the privilege of meeting him in person, Clay had wonderful memories of him. Please know that we are lifting you both up in our prayers. Having been there recently, I understand the pain you are going through now all to well. We love you both!
Teresa

Teresa Carroll - November 04, 2015 at 08:07 AM

BS

“ I was a student of Dr. Meades in the early 1990s. I now teach world history and every year I teach that narmer unified Egypt in 3100 bc. I never enjoyed a class more. He Will be missed



brad smith - November 02, 2015 at 05:45 PM

HG

“ Dawn and Donnie, I read about your Dad online in the Ruston Daily Leader just a few minutes ago. Remember our days as your family's neighbor on LaFourche Drive in Ruston? Dawn, you took wonderful pictures of Scott when he was toddling around one day in the yard. Still have them. Know you will miss your Dad. Such a distinguished career he had at Louisiana Tech and beyond. With deepest sympathy, Hilda Grafton

Hilda Grafton - November 02, 2015 at 01:15 PM

ET

“ It has been a real privilege to have been Wade's friend these past several years. The vastness of his knowledge could only be matched by his kindness and humanity.
Edward Tabri
Dept. of History, UT-Tyler

edward tabri - November 01, 2015 at 10:04 PM

KW

“ One day at UT Tyler, Dr. Meade walked into my office and we struck up a conversation and he was hired as an adjunct instructor in History soon thereafter. What only he and I knew at the time is that having attended NLU and having many, many friends who attended Tech, I already knew Dr. Meade to be a living legend 25 years before I ever met him. Turns out, he was on the thesis committee of one of my best friends who earned an MA in History at Tech before deciding on a career in law. So I had heard Wade Meade stories since the 1980s. As Wade relocated to Tyler and taught a number of classes for us over the last several years, he and I became fast friends and would occasionally have long conversations about history (I was a History minor at NLU), current events, or the state of affairs in academia. Dr. Meade will be greatly missed by many folks in Louisiana and Texas. I was grateful I got to know him.

Ken Wink

Ken Wink - November 01, 2015 at 08:25 PM

AB

“ Wade was truly a gifted history teacher. My husband and I will never forget that Narmer unified Egypt in 3100 BC :) I worked for him and the Museum with him during my years at Tech. (1979-1982) Sorry to have lost touch with him.

My thoughts are with his family and friends during this time.

Amy Poe Bowman - November 01, 2015 at 12:51 PM

CE

“ I will never forget Dr. Meade. He truly brought history to life and made us all love it. He was a wonderful person and a truly inspiring educator.



Christine Earhart - October 31, 2015 at 01:15 AM

BM

“ Dr. Meade was so unique. He was my inspiration for majoring in history. I loved his classes. I haven't seen him in many years, yet I will never forget that he was with Julius Caesar when he crossed the Rubicon in 49 B.C. He just had way to make history come alive. Rest in peace Mr. Meade. My condolences to his family. - Brigette Moritz (graduated Louisiana Tech in 1988)

brigette moritz - October 29, 2015 at 02:53 PM

BM

I need to change that to say that Dr. Meade was the reincarnation of Julius Caesar, not that he was with Julius Caesar.

brigette moritz - October 29, 2015 at 02:55 PM

LB

Recalling Dr Meade, I imagine he'd have been amused at your error and said something about only LOOKING like he might've been a contemporary of Caesar. I have fond memories of him too from some years prior to your time at Tech, and am sorry Wade didn't have another 40 years or so to pursue his love and sharing of the delights and consolations of history.

L Bretz - November 02, 2015 at 11:46 PM