



**Foy Wallace Byrd Jr.**

1936-2020

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Decatur ~ Foy Wallace Byrd Jr., 84, went to be with our Lord Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020. Celebration of life is 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Foy was born at Rogers Hospital Aug. 22, 1936, to Foy Wallace Sr. and Eula Mae (Renshaw) Byrd in Decatur.

Foy attended TCU and earned his B.S. in education and chemistry while working part-time in the Fort Worth Police Department Detective Crime Lab.

Foy attended Texas Wesleyan University and earned his master's in education. While living in Fort Worth, Foy taught high school chemistry and physics at Fort Worth's Paschal High School from 1959 to 1966; where he was also the assistant basketball coach.

Foy moved to Euless in 1967 with his first wife of 27 years, Linda, and their two children, Foy III and Karen.

In 1967, Foy entered the private sector as a chemical engineer working on cutting-edge metallurgical research to benefit energy, medical, military and space programs.

Foy owned and operated Production Process Manufacturing and Supply Corporation in Fort Worth as president and nuclear metallurgical chemical engineer from 1968 to 1983.

Foy and Linda moved from Euless and built a home on the family homestead in Sunset in 1975.

Foy and Val Dunning also owned and operated a realty business in Decatur in the early 1980s.

Foy married his second wife, Stacey, with son Cody in 1983 and had a daughter, Cassie, the following year.

Foy returned to teaching high school science in 1983 at Alvord High School and retired in 2002.

Foy went on to teach at Tarrant County Junior College as well as seventh-grade science at Decatur ISD from 2002-2003.

After teaching, he retired all together and remodeled a home in Decatur.

Foy later moved to Davidson, Okla., where he resided for 10 years before returning to live at Governor's Ridge in Decatur. Foy was an avid believer in Jesus as our Savior and member of the Church of Christ. Foy was a true and gracious friend with fierce loyalty and patriotism. He never held a grudge; and would go above and beyond to help anyone in need. His smile was infectious, and he found joy in everything that he did. Foy loved all his students; many of whom would later become physicians, military leaders, politicians and scientific researchers. He was dedicated to helping future generations by sharing all his knowledge.

Some of Foy's favorite pastimes were arrowhead hunting, fishing, deer hunting and story telling.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sons, Foy Byrd III of Grapevine and Cody Wilkinson of Boyd; his daughters, Cassie Parker and husband, Greg, of Poolville and Karen Hammonds of Sherman; his five grandchildren, Carissa Byrd, Caitlin Byrd, Colby Hightower, Colton Hightower and Taylor Parker; his three great-grandchildren, Rylan Lee, Gairett Dub and Zayden Ray Hightower; his sister, Betty Champion of Flower Mound; and numerous family members and a host of friends.

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