



## Dewayne Beaty

April 11, 1936 - November 1, 2018

George Dewayne Beaty went home to be with our God and Savior, Thursday, November 1, 2018, at Arabella of Longview in Longview, Texas. The memorial service will be Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Longview, Texas. Friends and family are invited to view a display of memorabilia from Dewayne's life, beginning at 1:00 pm in the Atrium area of First Baptist Church, between the church offices and the Sanctuary.

Dewayne was born in Wheeler, Texas, on April 11, 1936, to George and Opal Beaty. He was raised a "Fighting Irish" in Shamrock, Texas, where he spent an idyllic childhood among friends and family in the small Texas Panhandle town. He excelled in football, and when he registered for classes at Hardin-Simmons University, he thought he might become a football coach. God soon changed his course. Dewayne took part in many student-led revivals and services and traveled to churches in the surrounding area to lead music and preach. God called him during this time to give his whole life, including his vocation, to the spreading of the Gospel, and Dewayne surrendered.

Dewayne graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Science in 1958. He served in the United States Army as an officer trainee and Lieutenant at Ft. Benning and Ft. Hood from 1958-59. He often referred to his army years as the time when God grew him and used him most. He retired from the Army Reserve as a Captain.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas was where Dewayne received his Master's of Religious Education in 1961. It was also there that he met the "love of his life" and his best friend, Claudia Curd Beaty. They married after graduation and moved to West Texas to serve God at First Baptist Church, Odessa, Texas. Together, they gave their lives and family in service of churches throughout Texas and in Nashville, Tennessee. They served as Minister to Youth and Recreation at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas; Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee; and Highland Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Dewayne served First Baptist Church of Longview, Texas, for 33 years, in several capacities: Minister to Youth and Recreation, Minister to Senior Adults and Recreation, and Associate Pastor and Minister to Senior Adults. As a token of their great love and gratitude for Dewayne and Claudia, FBC Longview named the education building in their honor. All of Dewayne's life was spent

knowing and loving people in Jesus' Name. His smile, laugh, and turn of a story was a comfort and a challenge to everyone he met.

Rev Beaty is survived by his wife, Claudia Curd Beaty; children, D'Anna Beaty Yastrebov and husband, Anton; David Dewayne Beaty and wife, Rosie; daughter-in-love Eliska Smith Padilla and husband, Edgar; grandchildren, Houston and Caroline Beaty, and Sophia Yastrebov; sister, Donna Beaty Cole and husband, Ford; niece and nephew, Kerre and Loren Cole; beloved sister-in-law, Sarah Jo Curd Embrey and husband, Chuck; beloved brother-in-law, John Curd and wife, Judy.

Memorial gifts in Rev. Dewayne Beaty's name may be made to the Hollandsworth/Beaty/Gatlin Fund for Senior Adults at First Baptist Church, 209 E. South St., Longview, TX 75601.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Memorial Service**   02:00PM  
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First Baptist Church - Longview  
209 East South Street, Longview, TX, US

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



Rader Funeral Home - November 12, 2018 at 12:20 PM

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“ DeWayne walked with our family through many valleys and sang praises with us from every mountain top we reached.

He was there for the birth of our oldest son, Ryan and stayed in close contact with us when Ryan was sick and we were not sure if he would live or not. He led our youngest son, Ben's, Baby Dedication. Every Wednesday night before Wednesday night dinner, when he saw us walking in, he would jokingly try to get one of our boys to give him their Happy Meal.

Both he and sweet Claudia watched our boys grow up and every Sunday DeWayne never failed to give each of us words of encouragement and a big hug (Claudia always gave me a hug and a kiss).

When I contracted bacterial meningitis, no one would come into my hospital room for fear of contracting the disease. Although I understood, I was lonely. I awoke one day to find DeWayne standing beside my hospital bed, holding my hand and praying.

We love him so very much and are thankful for the love he selflessly poured into each of our lives. He truly loved our Father and faithfully strived to be Christ's hands and feet to so many.

We know without a doubt as soon as he reached Heaven, he heard Father God say, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Sending each of you much love and many prayers.

David, Charlotte, Ryan, and Ben Fountain

charlotte fountain - November 14, 2018 at 08:22 PM

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“ Dewayne was a great influence on me when I was a child growing up in Shamrock ... and we were fortunate to have his daughter, D'Anna, babysit for us some later in Fort Worth.

Harriet and I send prayers and a wish for grace and peace to the family in this time of both joy and sadness.

Harriet and Paul Harral  
Fort Worth

**Paul Harral** - November 12, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ Thank you so much, Paul. Dad spoke so highly of you. (and I LOVED your house in Ft Worth. Thank you for sharing it with me.)

**D'Anna** - November 12, 2018 at 07:23 PM