



## Mr. Rexford "Wayne" Washam

July 16, 1936 - March 5, 2023

Rexford Wayne Washam, 86, of Arab, passed away Sunday morning, March 5, 2023, due to complications from Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. Washam was born July 16, 1936 to Thurman and Tula Washam of Albertville, AL. Following graduation from Albertville High School, he attended Jacksonville State University, graduating with a B.A. in Music Education. While attending JSU, he was the trumpet section leader of the Marching Southerners and was a founding member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity. Following graduation, he took a job as the band director at Dadeville High School. The next year, he took the band director's job at Arab High School, where he remained as band director for 33 years. During that time his bands scored superior ratings numerous times as well as earning the award for the most entertaining band many times. He also served as assistant principal at the high school and was assistant superintendent for the school system for the last 11 years of his career

Mr. Washam attended church at the Arab First United Methodist church. He spent many years serving in different positions, including the church administrative council and chairman of the building committee for the current church. He also taught adult Sunday School for several years following his retirement from Arab City Schools.

He is survived by his sons Alan (Deena) and Jeff (Nicki); brother Terry (Jeannie); granddaughters Madison Washam and Morgan Washam; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary Washam.

There will be two visitations: Friday, March 10, from 6 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, March 11, from 9 am to 12 noon, followed by the funeral service.

These will all be held at Arab First United Methodist Church. There will not be a graveside.

Pallbearers will be Paul Tallent, Jerry Day, David Dunn, Tim Dunn, Rod Ferguson, and Scott Sanders.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shepard's Cove Hospice, The Parkinson's Foundation, or to the Arab City Schools band program.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

## Visitation

MAR 11. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016



# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kym Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rexford "Wayne" Washam*



**Kym Brown** - March 11, 2023 at 10:36 AM

JG

“ *Praying for Alan, and his family during this time. Mr. Washam was always such a sweet man, and awesome music teacher. He will be greatly missed. God bless you all.*



**Jennifer Fisher Green** - March 09, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Mr Washam was a kind leader, and even though I wasn't the best flute player, he made me feel part of the team, and encouraged me. He was fair , and honest. I will forever remember his smile and goodness.I loved playing and marching in the band.*



**Polly Jex** - March 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

LH

“ We are all saddened to hear of your father’s passing, though the reunion in heaven with your sweet mom must surely be sweet. Your father was a tremendous leader and musician. I was fortunate to have been in Arab’s band program for 8 years, 5 of those years under your father’s leadership. He actually attended college with my parents at Jacksonville State. Our family shares many fond memories of him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Leigh Ann Hatley Holmes - March 07, 2023 at 08:44 PM

DP

“ Learning of Wayne’s death was a sad day for me. As a musician, Wayne was one of my idols. He was one of the best dressed in our crowd and he spoke with kind words. I worked to dress and speak as classy as he did! Wayne and I were young Southerners (JSU) together. He was always willing to share his musical skills with us and then later with his own bands. We relied on one another to be an honest critique of our bands throughout the years and judged together for many years. Thanks for being my friend and I send prayers to Rosemary and family. We lost a good one. Darry Pilkington.

Darry Pilkington - March 07, 2023 at 11:26 AM

NM

“ Nalani McNary lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rexford "Wayne" Washam



Nalani McNary - March 07, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Belinda Hyatt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rexford "Wayne" Washam*



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**Belinda Hyatt** - March 07, 2023 at 12:14 AM



“ *FAY GREEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rexford "Wayne" Washam*



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**FAY GREEN** - March 06, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *Sherry Gullion-Atchley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rexford "Wayne" Washam*



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**Sherry Gullion-Atchley** - March 06, 2023 at 02:53 PM