



David E. Wicker III

May 17, 1930 - February 19, 2020

DAVID E. WICKER III

David Wicker lived a consistent testimony for Christ all the way through the Lord calling him home on February 19, 2020. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He had a strong Christian work ethic, which he instilled in his family. He was a true churchman, taking many leadership roles at his beloved First Baptist Church Dallas. In all of his endeavors, his humor and quick wit were a big part of his charm.

David Wicker was born May 17, 1930, in Dallas, Texas, to Dave and Helen Wicker. He trusted in Jesus as his Savior at the age of 11. David graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in January, 1947, and graduated from Baylor University in January, 1951, with a BBA Degree. He served in the ROTC and the Army Reserves. David married the love of his life, Carolyn Reed, March 2, 1951.

He started work in his father's business, Wicker Fish & Poultry Company, when he was 12, working various jobs during summer vacations. After Baylor graduation, he worked in Wicker's branch facilities in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Corpus Christi. In 1956, he moved back to Dallas as Operations Manager. In 1968, he was elected President of Wicker, Inc. and kept that title until their merger with Sysco Corp where he became the CEO of Sysco Food Systems Dallas. He remained with Sysco until retirement in 1987.

During the spring of 1988, David joined Gil Stricklin as Consultant for Corporate Services for Marketplace Ministries, Inc. He worked with Gil, gaining clients and witnessing for Christ until he retired again in 2009.

David's way of serving the Lord was with his leadership talents. He was Chairman of Deacons of First Baptist Dallas and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at DBU and Dallas Life Foundation. He also served as Chairman of many Committees and Advisory Councils with First Baptist Church, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sysco Food Systems, and the Southwestern Frozen Food Association.

Missions were a big part of David's life. He loved working with Texas Baptist Men on Partnership Mission trips, serving in the Prison Ministry, and helping the International Mission Board. David served as an active Deacon since 1955. He was a Sunday School Director of various age groups for almost seventy years at First Baptist Church Dallas.

He and Carolyn enjoyed spending time with family, entertaining friends in their home, traveling many places, doing church ministries together, and starting each day with a devotion: reading the Bible and singing. He was in his 24th year of reading the Bible through in a year.

David is survived by his wife, Carolyn Reed Wicker; children, John and Cindy Wicker, Drs. James and Dana Wicker, Judy and Brian Lee, and Jay and Jana Wicker; grandchildren, David and Mary Margaret Wicker, Sarah Wicker, and Caroline and Dan Hatten; Jessica Wicker, Matthew Wicker, and Dr. Stephen and Lauren Wicker; Brian and

Vanessa Lee, Lauren and Garrett Cockrill, and Preston Lee; Lauren and Ben Peterson, Justin Wicker, Chrissy Wicker, and Anna Wicker; great-grandchildren, Margot and Annie Wicker; Hank, Tommy, and Oliver Hatten; Aqua Leasure and Drew Hudson; Lee and Grant Cockrill; sister, Martha and Dan Weir; and sister-in-law, Annelle Burton, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made to First Baptist Church Dallas, Dallas Life Foundation, and the SBC International Mission Board.

The visitation will be at Restland, Feb. 27, 6:00-8:00 pm. The memorial service will be at First Baptist Church Dallas, Feb. 28, 11:00 am.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Restland Funeral Home

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

FEB **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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First Baptist Church Dallas

1707 San Jacinto, Dallas, TX, US, 75201

Comments



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David E. Wicker III.



March 02 at 11:58 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Wicker III.



February 27 at 09:22 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David E. Wicker III.



February 25 at 10:30 PM



“ The loss of David Wicker will be felt by family, friends, and the earthly Kingdom of God for decades to come. The entire Wicker family has been a profound blessing to Kristi and me for almost 50 years. Helen was like a second mother to us and her sweet gift of hospitality and warmth has greatly enriched our lives. David's strong, steadfast faithfulness to the Lord and His Church has been and will be the very benchmark of service on into the future and to eternity. Carolyn, Judy, Jim, Jay, and the entire Wicker family are in our hearts and prayers that the Lord will uphold you with His Presence, Power, Comfort, and Love in the days ahead.

Blessings!

Gary Moore

Sr. Associate Pastor

Second Baptist Church - Houston

Gary Moore - February 25 at 12:46 PM



“ David was one of the most kind and generous men I had the privilege of knowing. He was a help to just about anyone who asked him for aid in any capacity. I met him when his son, John, and I were roommates at Baylor. He, and wife Carolyn, didn't know me at all, except that I was John's roommate, yet they took me in as if I were one of the relatives. I remember at a ceremony honoring his work, he said that his favorite Bible verse was, "That which you have done to the least of these, you have done unto me." I never forgot that. He was indeed, one of the "good guys." We could sure use more of them.
My condolences to Carolyn, John, Cindy and the rest of his family.
Sincerely,
Kirby F. Warnock

Kirby Warnock - February 25 at 11:14 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Wicker III.



February 25 at 10:38 AM



“ David had such a heart for the Lord, for His people, and for the lost. His love and support for my family through the years has been such an encouragement. With humility & love he opened his home to us many, many times including hosting a dinner for our wedding party & family on May 31, 1986. David & Carolyn were such a great example of commitment in marriage - we always looked forward to seeing them at FBCD or in their home when we were back in the states. Their unwavering prayer & financial support to God's work around the world - particularly through the IMB - was a immeasurable blessing to us! We will miss seeing him, but will look forward to a great reunion one day in heaven! Love, Stephen & Jane (Cullen) Milam

Jane Milam - February 25 at 02:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David E. Wicker III.



February 24 at 05:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David E. Wicker III.



February 24 at 12:03 PM