



Winston Rod Wells

June 27, 1945 - July 4, 2021

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory, 1910 Elkton Pike,
Pulaski, TN 38478

Winston R. (Rod) Wells

Mr. Wells was born June 27, 1945 in Tampa Florida. He passed away July 4, 2021 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and was 76 years old.

He graduated in 1963 from Hillsborough High School in Tampa, and attended both the University of South Florida and the University of Florida before enlisting in The U.S. Army in 1966.

In 1967 Mr. Wells was commissioned a Second Lieutenant (Infantry) in the United States Army. During the Viet Nam conflict Mr. Wells served with the 15th Infantry Division (Big Red One) during two combat tours as a platoon leader and a company commander. He also served in Germany during the Cold War as a Plans and Operations Officer. After 10 years of active duty, Mr. Wells served in the Army Reserve units in Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee. Mr. Wells retired from military service in 1994 as a Colonel.

Mr. Wells obtained degrees from the University of South Florida (BA Accounting); Alabama A&M (MBA); Liberty University (MA Theological Studies); Indiana Wesleyan (BS Bible Studies); and University of Florida (MBA).

In 1986 Mr. Wells founded Appertain Corp. in Pulaski TN. The company is engaged in commercial recycling and entrepreneurial endeavors. He served as president of the company and was actively involved in company operations until his death.

Mr. Wells was an avid runner well into his seventh decade. He also was an amateur magician who performed for children and nursing home residents. Mr. Wells was also a “Paul Harris Rotarian” and a member of the Giles County Honor Guard.

The main thrust of Mr. Wells life was through First United Methodist Church in Pulaski TN as a servant of Jesus Christ in various ministries of the church; especially ministries that reached outside the church to the poor, and disenfranchised.

Visitation will take place July 7th, 2021 from 9:00am until Noon at First United Methodist Church in Pulaski.

A Celebration of Life will follow at Noon at First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, family ask memorial donations be made to First United Methodist Church, 200 W Jefferson Street, Pulaski, TN 38478

Survivors include:

A son, Thomas Wells of Columbia, TN

A daughter Sonja Wells (Sam) Blanton of Sylva, N.C.

6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren

Special friend, Anne Davis of Madison, TN

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory are in charge of arrangements for Winston R. (Rod) Wells.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Celebration of Life

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Dear Sonja and Family, Stan and I are at a loss for words. It seems as though the Lord is calling his saints home way to early especially to those of us left behind. I know he loved you with all his heart. May you all find some comfort in his memories that are yours forever to keep. I love you.
Pam Stevens



Pam Stevens - July 08, 2021 at 03:05 PM

MM

“ We are sorry for your loss. Mr Wells was a kind and gentle man.

Mr and Mrs Donnie R Malone - July 08, 2021 at 12:35 PM

AH

“ Dear Sonja, Am so shocked and sorry for your loss. My prayers for you and your family. Ann Hays

Ann Hays - July 07, 2021 at 12:28 PM

GB

“ Rod was a great and giving man. Knew him and worked for him almost 14 years. Prayers for his family. Miss Ann my thoughts and love are with you .



Gidget Banks - July 07, 2021 at 08:38 AM

TR

“ Rod made his office available and participated in A weekly Bible and Other religious book studies for many years. It was a meaningful time and good fellowship with other Christian brothers. Thanks Rod for your selfless service and obedience to our Lord and Savior.
Thomas Rains

Thomas Rains - July 07, 2021 at 08:28 AM

RS

“ I want to say that Mr Wells was a nice person to work for. And would like to thank him for his service to his country 🇺🇸🇺🇸 Sincerely, Ruth and JC Stewart



Ruth Stewart - July 06, 2021 at 11:17 PM

WB

“ Condolences to the family. Was a blessing to know Rod.
Carry on Sir!



Will Burr - July 06, 2021 at 10:26 PM

RW

“ Randy Word lit a candle in memory of Winston Rod Wells



Randy Word - July 06, 2021 at 02:04 PM

MT

“ *Marsha Tucker lit a candle in memory of Winston Rod Wells*



Marsha Tucker - July 06, 2021 at 01:32 PM

PB

“ *Through out my life I've been blessed to know several truly kind and selfless individuals. Rod Wells is definitely on that top ten list. Always helpful, kind, supportive, inclusive, humble and giving to many regardless of their situation. His life is a testament to his strong work ethic, love for his family, faithful servant heart shown to others through actions, Christian spirit focusing on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ....a life celebrated daily through sharing with others. Such a tremendous loss for his dear loved ones... but remember he's always near you and guiding you when you think of all that he's shown and shared with you.. Follow his guide for your life... and his examples will continue to bless you and comfort you...everyday. Much love and prayers to all of you in the days ahead after this heartbreaking and life altering loss ...🙏💜🙏 May God's love, mercy and grace comfort and heal your spirit...🙏*

Love always,
Paulette Bass Bledsoe 🦋



paulette bass bledsoe - July 05, 2021 at 08:43 PM

MT

I got to meet Rod while I worked as an electrician and got to know him as an individual and a business owner. He joined The Giles County Honor Guard a few years back and was truly a welcomed asset to the Honor Guard's efforts. We both served in Vietnam and Germany (not at the same time) and often we would have long talks about those days. Rod was gentle man that always looked out to help those that needed a hand up.

March on Rod, God Bless the Family. 🙏

Max Trotter - July 05, 2021 at 11:49 PM

TW

“ *Oh Sonja! We lost parents within two days of each other! My heart breaks for you and your family. Peace be with you all.*

Tommy Ward - July 05, 2021 at 08:40 PM

SB

So sorry and sad to hear of your mom's passing. What a sweet lady.

Sonja Blanton - July 06, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *I've only know Rod for about a year through the US Army Ranger Association. He was a veteran's veteran!*

Joey King - July 05, 2021 at 08:28 PM

CN

Mr. Wells was a good man of faith and principles. God's worked through him in many ways to bring people to christ. He was a good Sunday school teacher and a good adviser. He has run a good race and finished strong. Cedrick Nkulu.

Cedrick Nkulu - July 07, 2021 at 01:36 AM

TW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



thomas wells - July 05, 2021 at 07:28 PM

PB

Wonderful picture 

paulette bass bledsoe - July 05, 2021 at 08:45 PM

SR

Rod had just sold his home to us on East Jefferson. We were so shocked to hear of his passing a little more than a week later. My deepest condolences to his son, daughter and other relatives and friends.

Stephen Rowland - July 05, 2021 at 09:55 PM

CN

My goodness!!! What a shock and a HUGE loss to many, many people. I had the wonderful opportunity of meeting Rod through church as we attended the early service together at FUMC Pulaski. Through much coaxing, my husband and I joined the Disciples Sunday School class that Rod was leading at the time. Rod was a humble servant of God that helped me continuously grow in my faith, and my own walk, through constant encouragement and teaching. He knew that I was very new in my journey and not well versed in the Bible. I will forever hold him close to my heart. In addition, he was always the first to greet a new person attending service and welcome them. What a true Christian! Rod, you will be deeply missed. I know Jesus was waiting for you with open arms.

*Sincerely,
Chandra Nelms*

Chandra Nelms - July 06, 2021 at 09:36 AM