



## Wayne Howard McPherson

March 18, 1940 - August 22, 2018

Wayne Howard McPherson, 78, of Cape Girardeau died Wednesday, Aug.22, 2018, at MD Anderson hospital in Houston, TX. where he had been receiving treatment since 1999.

He was born March 18, 1940, in Beatrice, NE to Raymond & Gladys Fischer McPherson. He married Joan See Aug., 18, 1962. He retired from Southeast Missouri State University in 1996 after teaching mathematics for 31 years.

Wayne loved family, helping others, watching college sports, teaching, collecting antiques and taking pictures. He was a member of First Baptist Church and a Bible Study group at Cape Bible Chapel. He taught Sunday school and Youth Training Union groups for many years. His recent, digital camera era, passion was photography. Over the last 20 years Wayne would make certain the parents of SEMO and Capaha baseball players had pictures of their son in action. He seldom missed a game and would take 200-500 pictures per game picking out the best to post and share with players. He also was an avid fan of nature, sharing many pics on the web and he enjoyed fishing with his buddies, sometimes even with his wife.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; two sisters, Connie (Ken) Wacker of Greeley, CO; Gwen (Roy) Carr of Ft. Collins, CO; Betty Scheuerman (Joan's sister) and Tava See (Joan's sister-in-law)of Scott City, KS.; and many friends.

A celebration of Wayne's life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, 8/31/18, at Ford & Sons, Mt. Auburn. Dr. Ron Winstead will lead a brief time of sharing at 1:00 p.m. followed by an informal gathering of family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Global Research (<https://cllglobal.org/>), SEMO baseball (Southeast Missouri State University Foundation, One University Plaza MS 7300, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701) or Capaha baseball (2001 Perryville Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **31**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Number one Southeast Redhawks fan. So many appreciated the amazing photos. Thanks Wayne. Rick Brindell* ”

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**Rick Brindell** - August 30, 2018 at 04:08 PM

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“ It didn't take long for us to realize that a SEMO baseball game, even a fall scrimmage, wasn't really official unless Wayne was there taking pictures.

Wayne, and Joan, made SEMO baseball feel like family regardless of how things were going on the field that day. A constant presence for the players, offering unconditional love and appreciation no matter how they performed.

Our son Matthew, who just finished playing for SEMO, especially enjoyed getting to know Wayne better during fellowship time at church.

I came to really enjoy the moments both at home and on the road when Wayne and I would have little chats about the state of a game, a series, or the season to that point. He knew good baseball from bad, but also recognized when the team did everything it could do and things still went the wrong way. The game could be cruel, he liked to say, and he was right.

But the game was always a little better, a little kinder, with Wayne there capturing all the pictures and sharing them with the players and their families.

Future SEMO players and families have missed out.

Maybe this already has been suggested, but if not let me say I believe there should be some permanent recognition for Wayne's dedication to the Redhawks and Capahas at Capaha Field.

Miss you, Wayne, and thanks for all the great memories.

Don and Deb Wade  
Cordova, Tennessee

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Don Wade - August 30, 2018 at 12:57 PM