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Reverend Richard “Wayne” Dismuke, son of the late Reverend R.T. Dismuke and Bernice (Ender) Dismuke, was born on February 1, 1948, and entered the gates of heaven on October 29, 2020, at the age of 72, in Franklin, Tennessee.

Before retiring, Wayne was the Senior Adult Pastor at Christ Church Nashville, and also served the congregation at First Baptist Church, Dexter, Missouri for 23 years as Youth Minister and Senior Pastor. Although Wayne retired from the ministry in 2015, he never stopped being a pastor.

On June 9, 1973, he was united in marriage to his life and ministry partner Ann (Parks) Dismuke. Together they had two children, Scott (Dionne) Dismuke of Franklin, Tennessee, and Amy (Jason) Kelly of San Diego, California.

Wayne was most proud of being a grandfather to his two grandchildren, Dyson Dismuke, and Makenna Kelly. He loved his grandchildren deeply.

Wayne’s passion was serving others through ministry and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He loved life and always looked for the humor in any situation. Wayne believed that laughter was the best medicine.

His impact on this world is immeasurable leading youth, adults and senior adults to Christ while ministering to them at youth camps, Disciple Now, Mission Trips, youth retreats, his senior adult ministry and even the local coffee shop.

Wayne loved the Lord, loved people, and loved the St. Louis Cardinals, although the latter usually caused him frustration with their lack of offensive production.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, their children and his two grandchildren. He is also survived by his two sisters, Mary Gladys McCune of Eureka, Missouri, and Carol Betts of Boise, Idaho, as well as many other family, friends, and ministry partners.

A celebration of life service will be held on August 14, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri. Visitation with the family will begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by the service at 2:00 p.m.

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