



Tawes DeWyngaert

January 16, 1948 - April 12, 2024

Tawes DeWyngaert of Sarasota, Florida, died on April 12, 2024 of a hemorrhagic stroke. He was 76.

The third of five children born to John and Josephine Tawes DeWyngaert, Tawes grew up in Elberon, NJ. He graduated from Long Branch High School where he lettered in soccer. As a young person, he spent most of his time outdoors fishing, playing sports and tinkering with old cars and boats. He was an active Boy Scout and Sea Explorer, but his favorite pastimes were the constant tricks and antics that he and his four siblings played on each other while growing up in their sprawling 1900 home on the Jersey Shore.

He attended the University of South Carolina before being drafted for the conflict in Vietnam. A member of the First Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army, he served with distinction, earning the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Bronze Star.

Later he worked as a cost accountant for many years in the construction industry, before returning to college to earn a degree in computer science. He joined Broadway and Seymour Group in Charlotte, NC designing and building software for banks until he started his own computer consulting business serving mostly churches and nonprofits. He earned an additional degree in Business Management from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. After Hurricane Katrina, he wanted to help those impacted by storms so he returned to accounting, working for F.E.M.A. and the Small Business Administration in affected areas throughout the Southeast.

In the fall of 1981, in Charlotte, NC, he met Susan Forester who would become his beloved wife of 41 years. They welcomed two daughters, Rachel Elizabeth and Sarah Katherine. Tawes was a devoted and involved father, carpooling the girls to and from school, sports and church activities, teaching them to play golf and check their oil, making them laugh with his silly sense of humor. For Tawes, family was everything. He cherished time spent with his wife, children and grandchildren as well as his large, extended family.

Tawes was an immensely kind, curious, pensive, and quiet man; always making lists, illustrating his ideas, and tinkering with devices or his own inventions. He was willing to help anyone at any time and would stop at nothing to serve and care for his family, both immediate and extended. At the mere mention of something you needed or wanted, he was sure to find a way to get it (or make it) for you. He was a wonderful listener and relished the rapport of a one-on-one conversation over a large crowd.

Tawes was a person of deep faith and commitment to Christ. He served the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an elder, deacon, youth advisor, and Sunday school teacher. He volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and was a member of the Men's Bible Class and the Retired Handypersons' Breakfast Society (REHABS) at Wood's Memorial Presbyterian Church. For more than forty years he was a devoted clergy spouse, faithfully supporting Susan's ministry in the congregations she served.

Tawes is survived by his wife, the Rev. Dr. Susan Forester DeWyngaert, his daughters, Rachel Workman (William) and Sarah Kate Bumgarner (Robert), and grandchildren, Louisa and Teddy Workman, and Liddy and Becca Bumgarner. As well as his siblings, Jack DeWyngaert (Elle), Peg Orr, Tim DeWyngaert (Terri) and Tom DeWynagert, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered at a Service of Witness to the Resurrection at First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota (2050 Oak Street, Sarasota 34237) on April 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be directed to First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church or to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Service of Witness to the Resurrection

APR 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota
2050 Oak Street
Sarasota, FL 34237

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Abby, Katy, Jordan, and Anna Brooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tawes DeWyngaert.

Abby, Katy, Jordan, and Anna Brooks - April 26, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Tawes DeWyngaert.



April 26, 2024 at 06:16 PM

WF

“ With our love always, Seesa and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tawes DeWyngaert.

With our love always, Seesa and family - April 25, 2024 at 09:57 PM

WF

“ With our love always, Seesa and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tawes DeWyngaert.



With our love always, Seesa and family - April 25, 2024 at 09:57 PM

LA

“ Always steadfast in his love for the Lord and for his never ending love for Suzzi and the girls. He will always be a beautiful part of our family and we will carry memories of his laughter and wit throughout our days. Across the miles, we all embrace The DeWyngaert Family and extend our deepest and sincerest of sympathies. Please know we ask God for mercy, grace and peace as you walk into a different life journey while Mr. Tawes watches you all from above. Sending our love and embraces, Lisa, Kaci, Clint and family



Lisa Auerbach - April 25, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JC

“ Jim and Elaine Carey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tawes DeWyngaert.

Jim and Elaine Carey - April 25, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tawes DeWyngaert.



April 25, 2024 at 01:08 PM

MJ

“ Susan, Rachel, and Sarah, I'm so sorry for your loss and extend my heartfelt sympathy.

When I think of Tawes, particularly remember his smile, and his patience. Years ago at the dawn of the IT age, he came to our office to help us set up a basic system of technology. I had no idea what he was talking about (something that hasn't changed), and he tried to explain it to me, then just smiled when I asked him to do whatever was needed so that I could push the buttons and make it work. He didn't lose his patience with my ignorance and never made me feel inadequate. I'm happy to have known him.

"There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance". Wishing you peace as you move forward, never forgetting

*With love,
Mary Alice*

Mary Alice Jackson - April 22, 2024 at 11:59 AM

MM

Dear Susan: I awoke in the middle of the night missing the man I only played golf with occasionally and wondered how you must be dealing with his absence hour by hour. Tawes certainly did find meaning in each person who came across his path. I am grateful to God for our encounters through the decades and thankful for the grace that Tawes shared in your home, my office, Bobby Jones golf course and church wherever it gathered. You are in my prayers as Tawes is in our hearts. May the love of Christ envelope you, now and always.

Michael M.

Michael Mansperger - April 23, 2024 at 02:05 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tawes DeWyngaert.



April 22, 2024 at 09:48 AM

ED

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Elle DeWyngaert - April 21, 2024 at 08:30 AM

GJ

“ GeeDee, Tracy and Julia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tawes DeWyngaert.

GeeDee, Tracy and Julia - April 19, 2024 at 11:54 PM

GJ

“ GeeDee, Tracy and Julia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tawes DeWyngaert.



GeeDee, Tracy and Julia - April 19, 2024 at 11:54 PM

PD

“ Pam Driesell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tawes DeWyngaert.

Pam Driesell - April 17, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tawes DeWyngaert.



April 17, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JW

“ Susan, I am so sorry to read of your loss of Tawes. He was such a supportive spouse and father during your early years in Charlotte. You and your family are in my prayers with love . Peace to you all. Jane Wallwork

Jane Wallwork - April 16, 2024 at 07:08 PM

MS

“ Tawes was always willing to help others. I had a car accident several years ago. Tawes was behind me in traffic and stopped. He drove me to the car collision place behind the tow truck, and then, took me to the car rental place, and followed me to work to make sure I was OK. Tawes was always so kind to my son. Joseph actually lived with Tawes and Susan when he first moved to the Washington DC area to work. Tawes looked out for Joseph, and his badly performing car!!!!!!I will always remember Tawes' laugh! It made me want to tell him funny stories, becuae he enjoyed them so. Susan, Rachel, Sarah, and your families - you have our love!

Mary B Scheper - April 16, 2024 at 12:09 PM

PH

“ We were heartbroken to hear of Tawes' passing. He was always such a calming presence. When he started his computer consulting, he helped us face the awesome task of moving toward the computer lives we all now live. We loved watching you, Susan, and Tawes begin your lives together and are so glad you had all these years together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. With love, Peggy and Bob Hormberg

peggy hormberg - April 16, 2024 at 09:44 AM

JD

“ It was an honor and privilege meeting you, getting to know you, and traveling together. You will be missed!



Julie and Robert Diaz - April 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Elle DeWyngaert - April 16, 2024 at 07:51 AM



“ 72 files added to the album Tawes



Sarah Bumgarner - April 15, 2024 at 10:22 PM