

Thomas W. "Tom" Wade, Jr. (Tennessee, Zeta '53)



Pi Kappa Alpha recently lost a true titan with the passing of Brother Tom Wade, Jr., of Union City, Tennessee. Truly the epitome of a Pike's Pike, Brother Wade entered Chapter Eternal on May 27, 2008, having left an unsurpassed legacy of service, support and loyalty to Pi Kappa Alpha.

Tom's passions were many, especially his family. Tom's community, the University of Tennessee and of course, his much beloved Pi Kappa Alpha also held very special places in his heart – and all benefited greatly having

known this wonderful man as a resident, student and alumnus, and of course, Brother in the Bonds of phi phi kappa alpha, respectively.

Born on November 23, 1933, Tom grew up in Kenton, Tennessee, and completed his high school education at The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Class of 1952. He then entered the University of Tennessee, earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1957.

Brother Wade was the owner of Tom Wade Companies, headquartered in Kenton, which consists of Wade Gin Company, Wade Land Company, Kenton Grain Company, Tom Wade Strawberries and numerous other agribusiness operations in northwest Tennessee. He was also a retired chairman of the board and director of First State Bank.

Tom's tremendous heritage with Pi Kappa Alpha began long before his own initiation into Zeta Chapter in 1953. His father, Tom Wade, Sr., was initiated into Zeta Chapter in 1917, and thereafter served as national secretary of Pi Kappa Alpha from 1960 to 1962. Tom Sr. was later posthumously inducted into the Fraternity's highest order, the Order of West Range.

Tom's own Pi Kappa Alpha legacy was equally stellar. He served as a trustee of the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation, and as its president from 1998 to 2000. He was awarded Pi Kappa Alpha's Loyalty Award in 1994, and following in his father's footsteps, he was inducted into the PKA Foundation's Order of West Range in 2002. He was a member of the Foundation's Oak Trust and 1868 Society, and was a charter member of the President's Council. In 2001, Tom joined his good friend Brother Phillip Lighty (Washington State, Gamma Xi '38) to co-underwrite the beautiful Lighty-Wade Courtyard and Pavilion at the Pi Kappa Alpha Memorial Headquarters in Memphis. More recently, Brother Wade served as a trustee emeritus of the PKA Foundation, and actively attended most board meetings. Tom also served as the "unofficial leader" of his Zeta Chapter's Supergroup, composed primarily of Zeta initiates from the 1950s and early 1960s. At the conclusion of each Supergroup reunion, Tom always warned all in attendance that "he was officially resigning and someone else would have to coordinate the next get-together..." Fortunately, he never fulfilled this threat, most recently organizing and hosting the Supergroup's very successful 2005 reunion.

Tom was especially proud that his son, Thomas W. "Will" Wade, III, continued his "Big Orange" and "Garnet & Gold" legacies, having graduated from the University of Tennessee where he was also initiated into Zeta Chapter, in 1991, and served as an undergraduate vice president on the Fraternity's Supreme Council in 1993 and 1994.

A member of Union City First United Methodist Church and the Upper Room Sunday School Class, Tom is survived by his wife Pat Thurmond Wade, daughters Annie Wade "Lolly" Bearden and Patti Wade Barnes, son Thomas W. "Will" Wade, III, and numerous other family members.

At Brother Wade's passing, Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation Executive Director Patrick Haynes commented, "Tom's loyalty to, generosity toward and outspoken advocacy for Pi Kappa Alpha were without peer. He was the consummate PKA – period."

Jacklyn H. Lucas (High Point, Delta Omega '56)

Jack Lucas, who at 14 lied his way into military service during World War II and became the youngest Marine to receive the Medal of Honor, entered Chapter Eternal on June 5, 2008. He was 80.

He was the youngest serviceman to win the Medal of Honor in any conflict other than the Civil War.

Lucas was just six days past his 17th birthday in February 1945 when his heroism at Iwo Jima earned him the nation's highest military honor. He used his body to shield three fellow squad members from two grenades, and was nearly killed when one exploded.

"A couple of grenades rolled into the trench," Lucas said shortly before he received the medal from President Truman in October 1945. "I hollered to my pals to get out and did a Superman dive at the grenades. I wasn't a Superman after I got hit. I let out one helluva scream when that thing went off."

He was left with more than 250 pieces of shrapnel in his body and in every major organ and endured 26 surgeries in the months after Iwo Jima.

"By his inspiring action and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice, he not only protected his comrades from certain injury or possible death but also enabled them to rout the Japanese patrol and continue the advance," the Medal of Honor citation said.

Big for his age and eager to serve, Lucas forged his mother's signature on an enlistment waiver and joined the Marines at 14. Military censors discovered his age through a letter to his 15-year-old girlfriend.



"They had him driving a truck in Hawaii because his age was discovered and they threatened to send him home," said D.K. Drum, who wrote Lucas' story in the 2006 book *Indestructible*.

"He said if they sent him home, he would just join the Army."

Lucas eventually stowed away aboard a Navy ship headed for combat in the Pacific Ocean. He turned himself in to avoid being listed as a deserter and volunteered to fight, and the officers on board allowed him to reach his goal of fighting the Japanese.

"They did not know his age. He didn't give it up and they didn't ask," Drum said.

Born in Plymouth, North Carolina, on February 14, 1928, Lucas was a 13-year-old cadet captain in a military academy when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

"I would not settle for watching from the sidelines when the United States was in such desperate need of support from its citizens," Lucas said in "Indestructible." "Everyone was needed to do his part and I could not do mine by remaining in North Carolina."

After the war, Lucas earned a business degree from High Point University in North Carolina and raised, processed and sold beef in the Washington,

D.C., area. He was diagnosed with a form of leukemia in April and spent his last days in the hospital with family and friends, including his wife, Ruby, standing vigil.

Lucas received a final farewell at Highland Cemetery, where a call to present arms snapped military men to attention and signaled the beginning of a 21-gun salute, with a seven-man unit of Marines firing three times.

Richard E. Smith (Florida, Alpha Eta '69)



My younger Brother, Richard, joined Chapter Eternal on May 5, 2008, after a courageous fight with ocular melanoma. This is a rare and lethal cancer that quickly spreads to other parts of the body, especially the liver. In the end it wound up being a fight he just could

not win. In his last couple of days with us, all he wanted to do was to go home. He would have been 59 in June.

Richard pledged Alpha Eta Chapter at the University of Florida during my junior year. It was my highest honor and privilege to have been able to personally initiate him. It was a very memorable occasion and probably the most difficult of the many individual initiations for me personally. Having your own Brother join you in the fraternity that you love and that means so much to you is so truly special and rewarding. We shared our fraternity experiences frequently.

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He married his high school sweetheart, Deborah, over 30 years ago, and has a daughter and two sons. All of them also live in Tampa, Florida. He was an avid Florida Gator fan, history buff, and expert joke teller. He could live up any crowd under any circumstances. The world as we know it is not as funny a place without him. He was a bright light that will be missed by his friends and loved ones.

Richard found a niche in the petroleum industry, and worked for Central Oil Company, an independent locally owned company in our hometown of Tampa. Most recently he was a loyal employee for many years and general manager of the southeast region of Tex Par Energy, spending about every other week in southern Georgia and northern Florida.

At the funeral his oldest son, Rick, said "his good will and ability to inspire laughter were rivaled only by his love for his family, and for his friends. He was a man who brightened the world around him with him warm demeanor, and seemingly endless talent for humor. He was a beacon of wisdom, of valor, and of love. He taught me many things simply by being the marvelous man he was. He was a man of unshakable character, of an indestructible moral foundation, and one whose word was of the absolute highest value. As I grew, I would unknowingly become a student of the man whose actions were akin to honor codes of times long past. I can only hope that I will one day begin to reach the immeasurable caliber of the man you were."

Similarly, our youngest brother, Stephen, said, "Richard was our family comedian, family historian, chaplain, and master of ceremonies. He read voraciously and remembered every detail. He could sketch, paint, sculpt, write beautifully, and was a gifted story teller. He was the Mark Twain and Robin Williams wrapped up in one magical package. He had special insight into just about every aspect of life. He taught us that it is healthy to reflect, and to question everything. But probably his greatest lesson he taught deep into his battle with cancer. He was heroic in illness. From the first moment of diagnosis his great worry was for those that loved him. He never complained and the few times he spoke of it, he protected us, saying he was beating it, and not to worry."

It was also my pleasure to reflect on my time as his older brother, Pike Brother, and the special times we had together. Since there were quite a few Pikes in attendance, I had to mention how truly special fraternity friendships are, and, of course, that wonderful quality of brotherly love. I concluded with the moving words of the Hollies famous song from the early 1970's 'He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother.' We so very well know that it truly is for all of us "a long, long road from which there is no return."

Brothers mine, be assured that our Chapter Eternal in now a much more entertained place now that Richard has arrived. Save a place for us, Brother.

— A. Frank Smith
(Florida, Alpha Eta '66),



ALABAMA

Gamma Alpha

Bennett, David '69 1/30/08
Holcomb, William '47 6/18/08
Tippins, Henry '40 3/4/08

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

Eta Xi

Porter, Henry '83 4/14/08

ARIZONA

Gamma Delta

Farrell, Charles '29 3/23/08

ARKANSAS

Alpha Zeta

Ramsey, Guy '51 11/12/07

ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK

Zeta Eta

Baker, Charles '01
Carpenter, Dustin '96
Hoyt, Louis '76

ARKANSAS STATE

Delta Theta

Patterson, James '48 1/23/08
Sowell, Samuel '51 12/17/07

AUBURN

Upsilon

Bilbo, Wesley '07 7/15/08
Dees, Robert '37 1/26/08

Griffiths, Eugene '43 4/22/08

Lewis, John '45 10/12/06

Newell, James '38 5/2/00

Nottingham, Allen '39 11/22/07

BELOIT

Beta Iota

Coffey, Charles '60 6/24/08

BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN

Delta

Lambert, Harold '56 7/10/08

BOWLING GREEN STATE

Delta Beta

Eckel, Eugene '43 6/20/08

CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Alpha Sigma

Ferguson, Ian '38 6/26/07
Kewell, Frederick '44 2/2/07

CALIFORNIA STATE-SACRAMENTO

Theta Tau

Kane, Patrick '89 5/10/08

CARNEGIE MELLON

Beta Sigma

Adamson, Walter '33 6/4/07
Jonic, George '35 5/30/07

CINCINNATI

Alpha Xi

Pandorf, Brandon '94 6/14/08
Tomsen, James '57 6/11/08
Pickles, Ervin '36 2/20/07

COLORADO COLLEGE

Beta Rho

Harding, Sidney '30 3/27/08

DAVIDSON

Beta

Willis, Hugh '37 2/17/08

DENVER

Gamma Gamma

Cusick, Claire '48 6/11/08

DRAKE

Delta Omicron

Linnenburger, Andrew '00 6/15/08

EAST CENTRAL

Epsilon Omega

Miller, Billy '94 6/11/08

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Zeta Tau

White, Samuel '73 2/18/08

EMORY

Beta Kappa

Bertelsen, Gary '69

Blanton, Leonard '36 9/18/07

Dimmock, William '45 5/8/08

FLORIDA

Alpha Eta

Goza, William '35 5/6/08
Hallock, Robert '46 12/15/07
Smith, George '31 10/27/07

FLORIDA GULF COAST

Lambda Xi

Brown, Eric '07 5/17/08

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Zeta Sigma

Polillo, Ronald '68 5/10/08

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

Kappa Gamma

Medeo, Steven '04 5/8/08
Pena, Jose '03 5/8/08

FLORIDA STATE

Delta Lambda

Atkinson, George '49

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Delta Alpha

McAnear, Frank '43 3/9/08

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

Alpha Lambda

Boylan, Emmett '41 1/12/08
Diskey, Gene '52 3/29/08

GEORGIA

Alpha Mu

Cleveland, Robert '56 6/24/08
Grizzell, Frank '48 11/8/07
Smith, Cary '89 6/12/08
Wall, James '34 2/19/08

GEORGIA TECH

Alpha Delta

Jackson, John '46 7/8/08
Scott, Ralph '85 3/5/08

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

Iota

Baldwin, Thomas '36 7/5/08
Bundy, William '36 2/29/08
Dillard, Lester '37 6/20/08
Hubbard, Louis '36 11/24/07
Jones, John '39 2/3/07
Ligon, Willis '37 11/30/07
Mason, Thomas '37 3/8/07
Peden, James '40 4/17/08

HIGH POINT

Delta Omega

Pope, Louis '69 3/20/08

HOUSTON

Epsilon Eta

Rogers, Harry '80 4/27/08

ILLINOIS

Beta Eta

Bergschneider, James '57 1/28/02
Colson, John '66 3/22/07

IOWA

Gamma Nu

Coon, Larry '68 4/12/08
Jebousek, Edward '39 4/29/08

KANSAS

Beta Gamma

Gleeson, Patsy '49 5/15/08

KANSAS STATE

Alpha Omega

Battin, Melvin '53
Nolte, Larry '64 4/7/07

KENTUCKY

Omega

Blumer, Robert '46 2/11/07

Hostetter, John '56 7/1/08

Knight, Homer '39 4/30/07

Nickell, William '64 5/25/08

LEHIGH

Gamma Lambda

Lobach, James '39 5/1/08
Poggi, Edmund '31 3/6/08

LOUISIANA-MONROE

Eta Omicron

Roy, Eric '83 6/2/08

LOUISIANA TECH

Gamma Psi

Berry, George '54 9/16/07
Tettleton, John '59 5/29/08
Watson, Horace '46 3/20/08

MEMPHIS

Delta Zeta

Hardy, Jon '68 6/22/08
Thomas, Thomas '50 6/11/07

MIAMI

Gamma Omega

Vreeland, Milton '68

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Delta Gamma

Haskell, Dorrold '49 11/2/07

MILSAPS

Alpha Iota

Barr, John '50 6/26/08
Furr, Randle '43 3/19/07
McCullen, Dan '41 8/26/07
Rathke, Edmann '43 6/6/08
Scott, Kermit '55 6/16/08

MISSISSIPPI

Gamma Iota

Randall, Carey '30 4/26/08

MISSOURI

Alpha Nu

Finley, Thomas '50 5/26/08

MISSOURI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Alpha Kappa

Trisch, Donald '38 5/30/08

MONTANA STATE

Gamma Kappa

Blaskovich, Frank '33 4/3/08
Geary, George '48 12/2/99
MacLay, William '41 3/9/08
Persson, Lester '38 4/14/08

MURRAY STATE

Epsilon Lambda

Larimer, Merlin '59 2/28/08
Mapel, Donald '58 4/11/07

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gamma Mu

Batchelder, John '47 1/10/08
Dutton, John '50 10/1/07
Gadbois, Hadley '48 2/3/08

NORTH CAROLINA

Tau

Morris, Ashley '44 5/7/08

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Alpha Epsilon

Flanigan, Walter '39 3/19/08

OHIO STATE

Alpha Rho

Boehm, George '50 6/2/08
Bredbeck, Greg '82 2/6/07
Gantt, Robert '40 12/30/07
O'Dell, Raymond '47 5/13/08
Turnbull, Robert '42 5/23/08

OKLAHOMA

Beta Omicron

Lane, Glenn '35 3/16/08

OKLAHOMA STATE

Gamma Chi

Holderby, Willard '39 5/23/08

OREGON

Gamma Pi

Gilbertson, John '42 6/12/08
Oates, Carl '41 7/6/07
Rines, Robert '52 5/22/08

PENNSYLVANIA STATE

Beta Alpha

Decker, Joseph '40 3/5/08

PITTSBURGH

Gamma Sigma

Damrau, Edward '43 3/1/07
Stephenson, Thomas '40 6/27/08

PRESBYTERIAN

Mu

Firby, John '57 4/24/08
Gilliam, Claud '44 3/28/08

PURDUE

Beta Phi

Burns, Benton '37 3/22/07
Kokosa, Harry '63 12/31/07
Mengel, Ronald '53 11/29/07
Walsh, Edward '40 2/9/07
Zabel, Thomas '62 7/6/08

RENSSELAER

Gamma Tau

Clay, Franklin '45 4/11/07
Pollock, Harold '36 9/10/07

RHODES

Theta

Baucum, Tremon '46 3/25/08
Palmer, Robert '47 1/19/08

RICHMOND

Omicron

Bowry, Walter '36 9/26/07
Grigg, William '36 10/12/07
Yeatts, Roy '43 1/2/08

SAMFORD

Alpha Pi

Howell, Charles '46 1/15/08

SAN JOSE STATE

Delta Pi

Malone, John '54 5/28/08

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Gamma Eta

Knoblauch, Byron '37 6/26/07

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Beta Zeta

Michaels, William '38 2/3/07
Smith, Ligon '39 5/23/07

SYRACUSE

Alpha Chi

Desisti, Michael '37 5/24/07
Tutera, Eric '99 6/8/08

TENNESSEE

Zeta

Milam, Charles '53 4/11/08

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

Delta Epsilon

Rhodes, Phillip

TEXAS

Beta Mu

TRANSYLVANIA

Kappa

Braden, Arthur '36 1/24/07
McAllister, Lester '40 1/3/08

TULANE

Eta

Smith, Alwyn '38 7/10/07

TULSA

Gamma Upsilon

Maceachern, Jack '42 9/20/07

UTAH

Alpha Tau

Buehner, Clarence '34 7/6/08
Christopherson, William '35
12/21/07
Gallacher, Ward '43 6/12/07
Jackson, Leon '48 7/9/08
Shaw, Norman '50 5/27/08
Waldram, Byron '42 4/19/07

UTAH STATE

Gamma Epsilon

Porter, Dean '31 9/23/07
Hanson, Eldon '34 12/1/07
MacKay, Lamar '40 7/12/07
Wheeler, Harold '37 4/17/07

VANDERBILT

Sigma

Fickes, James '32 11/20/07

VIRGINIA

Alpha

Galusha, Gordon '47 9/16/07
Hopkins, Fortescue '39 2/12/08
Parrott, Robert '47 3/18/08

WAKE FOREST

Gamma Phi

Dale, Frederick '40 4/4/08
Martin, James '39 1/24/07

WASHINGTON

Beta Beta

Buzard, Lyman '51 5/19/08
Imrie, Robert '40 10/29/07

WASHINGTON AND LEE

Pi

Simmons, Franklin '48 5/9/08

WAYNE STATE

Delta Nu

Wilson, James '50 4/18/08

WEST VIRGINIA

Alpha Theta

Scott, James '45 5/7/08

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Zeta Epsilon

Mayfield, Joseph '65 4/13/08

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Epsilon Psi

Hartman, John '67 7/15/08
Pfeifer, Norman '63 5/28/08

WILLIAM AND MARY

Gamma

Ritter, Alfred '38 12/11/07
Salmon, Richard '43 3/29/07
Torregrosa, Manuel '43 3/13/07

WISCONSIN

Beta Xi

Backey, Stanley '38 6/17/08
McCullough, William '35 10/15/07

WITTENBURG

Gamma Zeta

Jackson, Wilfred '30 5/10/08