

## #2A 2006 Feb 1 – Morehead City’s ‘Whistling Jake Wade’ Dies at Age of 93

Thanks for all of the baseball memories and stories that you and your brothers have given us. Your leadership and courage has always given the ‘Carteret County Boys’ the hope of success. Joe (Boy) Willis

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### Jacob F. Wade Jr.; service is Monday

Jacob Fields Wade Jr., 93, of Wildwood, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Wildwood Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow in Bayview Cemetery.

Mr. Wade was the seventh of 11 children born to the late Jacob Fields Wade and the late Love Elizabeth Styron Wade. He grew up on Fisher Street, learning to play baseball on the sandy playing field of the nearby Charles S. Wallace School. He attended N.C. State University, where he played on the baseball team for one year. In 1931, on the advice of his older brother Charles, already in the major leagues, he began his professional baseball career in Raleigh with the Piedmont League. In 1935, he signed with the Detroit Tigers and continued to play as a pitcher in the American League with Detroit, Boston, St. Louis, New York, Washington and Chicago. Although his fast ball struck out many a batter, his nickname “Whistling Jake” was earned by his being the most artistic whistler in baseball. Mr. Wade was followed in the majors by younger brother Ben and in recognition of the three boys who learned to play ball behind the school house, that baseball park was named Wade Brothers Field. Mr. Wade continued his professional baseball career until 1950 when he returned to Carteret County and began a civil service career aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, retiring in 1976.

He married Rosalie Watson of Wildwood on March 4, 1937, and they were the parents of Jacob Fields III, Jo Ann, William Albert, Rebecca Sue and Sara Watson Wade. As a member of Wildwood Presbyterian Church, he served as an elder, deacon and a member of the choir. He remained in Wildwood until his death and was loved by all for his outgoing nature and willingness to help anyone in need.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the family home, 316 Wildwood Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wildwood Presbyterian Church or the Jo Ann Wade Eaves Scholarship at Salem College, Winston-Salem.

Arrangements are by Munden Funeral Home and Crematory Inc. of Morehead City.

(Paid obituary)