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## Six-term IZARD County sheriff laid to rest



By ANGELIA ROBERTS  
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Before the van filled with flowers and the hearse bearing the body made their way to the final resting place, military soldiers in dress uniforms were unloading their weapons.

Music from a lone bagpiper would soon be heard throughout the cemetery and the sound of taps, "Day is done, gone the sun," would conclude the full military service for the patriotic man who was being laid to rest.

But for now, the cemetery was quiet. The gravedigger was gone and the sound of the heavy equipment had ceased.

The men and women with the Army National Guard waited near the freshly-dug grave while the family of Tate Lawrence Jr. made their way to the First Baptist Church where hundreds gathered to pay tribute and honor his life.

Brother S.D. Hacker gave his final tribute to his son-in-law of 41 years.

There are some things he remembers well and learning Tate Lawrence would be joining the ranks of his family is one of them.

S.D. said when Tate would call their home phone and ask to speak with Sherry, his wife would always say, "It's that man with the nice voice."

As the calls and dates became more frequent, Lois warned her husband that the 1965 Melbourne graduate was getting serious about their daughter.

"Oh really," he responded, but without much thought or concern.

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PHOTOS BY KRIS CARAWAY

Lt. Col. Trey Lawrence III (top photo), presents his mother the American flag on behalf of his father, Tate Lawrence Jr., who died Friday. IZARD County law enforcement officials line the path to the cemetery where Sheriff Tate Lawrence was laid to rest. Pallbearers carry the flag-draped casket to its final resting place.

## Importance of clean waterways to be topic

The Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers will hold its annual general membership, guest meeting and fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 24, at Josie's Steakhouse in Batesville.

Dinner tickets are \$25 per person. Dr. Sam Cooke will preside over the meeting, which is open to anyone who has a vested interest in the waterways of this area.

The annual meeting is a recognition of the power of members and citizens acting together for the benefit of clean, healthy water in our rivers and streams, according to Cooke. An award will also be presented.

Dr. Joe Nix, scientist and environmentalist, will serve as guest speaker.

Nix received his Ph.D. in nuclear geochemistry in 1966 and immediately adapted his research skills to studying streams in Arkansas. The Arkansas environmental

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Dr. Beth Milligan of Little Rock shares her personal story of suffering a stroke in 2015 and battling cancer in 2016. Stacy Gunderman (below right) looks over silent auction items with Marie McKinlay, who is visiting from Scotland and is the wife of FutureFuel Chemical Company's new chief operating officer Tom McKinlay, according to Gunderman, who said that Marie and son Michael will be moving to the states to join Tim in the fall.



PHOTOS BY LACY MITCHELL



## Doctor shares story of stroke, cancer, taking own advice

By LACY MITCHELL  
Guard Staff Writer

Beth Milligan remembers being on her smart-phone, playing on Snapchat or some game when she felt her face go numb. She remembers giving her cheek a slap because of the weird feeling, but when she tried speaking to husband Mark, she couldn't.

Having a stroke isn't always grabbing one's chest and falling over as Milligan can attest, but today the doctor is learning how to take her own advice when it comes to her own health.

As lead physician of the V-Impact Telehealth Primary Care Division of the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare Administration at Little Rock, Milligan has spent more than 20 years in medicine and last week served as the guest speaker of the annual Red Hot Ladies Luncheon at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville. The event works to raise awareness about how heart disease, stroke, cancer and other issues impact the lives of women.

Milligan's stroke came in 2015, but if she's honest she should have probably paid more attention to her body.

Taking four blood pressure pills a day was the norm for Milligan, "but I had not controlled

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