

Travis Wike

This Charter member and at-large member of the Alexander County Republican Party has earned the title of one of the strongest Republicans in the County. He has never waived from the party or the Republican platform. He has seen a lot of changes in his 85 years and still remains loyal.

He, proudly, has never voted for a Democrat and the Democrats wish they had a person like him in their party. True devotion is when you are sick and you make your daughter drop you off at a Republican dinner to turn in ticket money, before going to the emergency room.

His motto has always been, "If you want to win, you--have to get out there and work!" His name is Travis Wike.

He has helped all Republicans on all levels by campaigning for them, giving and collecting contributions, or collecting a lot of absentee votes. He has called leading up to, and on, the day of the election to encourage voters to get out and vote Republican. Many candidates have knocked on his door asking him to go for a ride. He takes them all over the county introducing them to voters.

Travis has served the party faithfully in many capacities. Here are just a few:

- Back in the days of his youth, he was a member of the Young Republicans.
- The number of campaign signs he has hung is difficult to remember because there have been so many, so don't even try to count them.
- He has been a worker and organizer for the Republican Booth at the Alexander County Agricultural Fair.
- He has been a voting registrar and has registered multiple generations of many families.
- He served as the Little River Precinct Chairman.
- He has been a Little River Precinct Republican Judge and hand counted many a ballot. As many of you know, that means not getting home until the middle of the night .
- He has organized the parade float and even rode on it a few times.
- He served on the Nominating Committee.
- He co-signed the loan to purchase the new Alexander County Headquarters Building and served as Building Trustee.

And finally

- He served as Alexander County Tax Supervisor under the Republican Administration for 18 years. He retired with the highest collection rate on record, 98%!

Thank you for a wonderful job Travis!

Travis was in the Army and served his country proudly during WWII. He was stationed in Germany. He has been married to Helen Wike for 58 years. They have two daughters, Roxanne Icenhour and husband Greg, and Robin Crowe and husband David. They have one granddaughter, Tasha lackey and husband Bradley, and one grandson, Kyle Icenhour.

He is a lifelong member of Salem Lutheran Church and has held many positions in the church. He is also very civic minded and served on several boards throughout the county. He now enjoys his retirement, a little farming, and his daily newspaper.

Politics is never far from his mind. If a candidate pulls in the drive, well, it's time to go ride or have a talk!