



Norman Wayne Hinkle

April 10, 1943 - March 15, 2021

Dr. Norman Wayne Hinkle was born April 10, 1943, in Claremore, Oklahoma, to Buel and Flossie Mae Smith Hinkle. He passed Monday, March 15, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 77 years. Norman was reared and educated in Claremore, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Claremore High School Class of 1961. He continued his education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he earned his bachelor's degree, then attended Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee, earning his Doctor of Optometry degree. He began his practice in Owasso, Oklahoma, for over 55 years before his retirement in 2019. He was at the forefront of state and national association efforts to further the profession. He served on more than 10 committees of the American Optometric Association, including the AOA Political Action Committee Board, License and Regulation Committee, and Federal Regulations Task force, among others. He served the Oklahoma association as its President and Chairman of the Ethics and Peer Review as well as Meetings and Education chairman. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Council of Optometry, which serves a six-state region.

Norman also took an active role locally in Owasso as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, having served as president in 1970. He along with former Owasso Superintendent of Schools Dale Johnson, helped organize the Owasso Christmas Parade. He and Dale supervised the planning and organization of the parade for many years. Norman was also active with the

Owasso Lion's Club and served as the groups President and Treasurer. He was a longtime faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Owasso and always was available to work the Pumpkin Patch each year. Norman was married October 10, 1970, in Claremore, Oklahoma, to Marilyn Cook Hinkle. Together they have been involved in the AFS foreign exchange program, hosting several international students. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes including spending time at the family cabin on Grand Lake and traveling. Norman would tell you that optometry was his hobby, saying "You need to give back". Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of over 50 years; Marilyn

Two sons; Hunter Hinkle and wife Sarah, of Athens, Georgia

Jon Hinkle, of Owasso

Granddaughter; Pandora Hinkle

AFS Sons; Marko Saloranta, Finland

Harold Lacayo Gonzalez, Costa Rica

Gabriel Zorzi, Brazil

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buel and Flossie Hinkle

A visitation will be held to greet the family from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso (no viewing).

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church in Owasso with Dr. Jim Cinocca officiating.

Final resting place will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Claremore, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the Hinkle family would be honored to have a donation made in the name of Norman Hinkle to the Oklahoma School of Optometry,

<https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1517/bp20/interior.aspx?sid=1517&gid=1&pgid=541&cid=1222> , or

<https://www.nsualumni.com/s/1517/bp20/interior.aspx?sid=1517&gid=1&pgid=1877> . Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

www.moweryfs.com

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

310 South Nome Avenue
Claremore, OK 74017

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 N. Garnett Rd.
Owasso, OK 74055
(918) 272-6244
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

Memorial Service

MAR 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church Owasso
13800 E. 106th St. N
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



April 01, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Marilyn, we haven't seen each other very much since high school, but I certainly remember you and have seen Norman occasionally, always enjoying his friendliness, his smile and happy demeanor. Thank you for the happy memories. I'm very sorry about Norman's passing, but I know you will be alright. Love and Blessings to you as you journey on. Dan Buchfink, Oologah Schools, Class of 1966.*

DANIEL BUCHFINK - March 22, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



March 21, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



March 19, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Andy & Leann Dargavell and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



Andy & Leann Dargavell and Family - March 19, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy. Norm was a dear friend and mentor, that provided me with valuable guidance on multiple occasions. His passion for life and optometry was evident in his actions. He will be missed.*
Ellen and Carl Weiss

Ellen and Carl Weiss - March 18, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *Norman was the reason I wanted to become an Optometrist. I will always cherish having him as a mentor and friend. Prayers for Marilyn and family.*
Ken Merchant

ken Merchant - March 18, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



March 18, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *Normans infectious laugh and smile always cheered me up . He was a big Brian Elliott soccer fan a d supporter of our family . Norman you are missed ! Thank you so much for all you did for optometry and I'm Praying for Marilyn & family*

Kathleen, Joshua & Avery Elliott

Kathleen Elliott - March 18, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Mike and Pam Nichols purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



Mike and Pam Nichols - March 18, 2021 at 12:01 AM



“ *Diana and Tom purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



Diana and Tom - March 17, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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“ *Winifred House purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



Winifred House - March 17, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman Wayne Hinkle.*



March 17, 2021 at 10:26 AM