



Wayne Bunch

March 23, 1951 - December 11, 2020

Wayne Bunch was born on March 23, 1951 in San Diego, California to Donald Lee Bunch and Hilda (Lopez) Bunch. He passed from this life on Friday, December 11, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 69 years. Wayne was raised and educated in Tulsa and graduated with the McLain High School Class of 1969. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Journalism from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Wayne was married on January 27, 1973 at Turley Methodist Church in Turley, Oklahoma to Carol Jean (Robinson) Bunch. He spent most of his working life as a Sports Reporter with the Tulsa World for over 40 years. He also worked for Northeastern State University and Connors Jr. College reporting on a variety of sports including football, basketball, softball, and baseball. Wayne was a faithful member of Turley Methodist Church for 47 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed a variety of past times such as following college sports, watching the St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers, and gardening. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His Wife;

Carol Bunch

Daughter;

Nicole Sumpter and husband Chris

Son;

Travis Bunch

Grandson;

Collin Sumpter

Brother;

Randy Bunch and wife Kaye

Sister;

Brenda Crawford and husband Paul.

Numerous Nieces and Nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Hilda.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Cremation Burial

JUN 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
5111 South Memorial Drive
Tulsa, OK 74145

Tribute Wall



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mowery Funeral Service - June 04, 2021 at 12:51 PM



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



June 04, 2021 at 09:16 AM



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



June 02, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *Knew Wayne for several years, both at the Tulsa World and outside the paper as well. He was a good friend and co-worker.....he will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*
Scott Wilson

Scott Wilson - January 06, 2021 at 03:27 PM

RW

“ Wayne and I were college roommates at Northeastern State College. We watched a lot of Monday Night football and Johnny Carson together. He was very focused on sport journalism and more focused on his future wife Carol.

Ron Worthean

Ron Worthean - December 17, 2020 at 10:25 PM

JC

“ I really enjoyed volunteering with Wayne at the 2nd Wednesday Food Pantry at Turley United Methodist Church. He was a wonderful man and friend. My heart goes out to Carol and family. John Campbell

John Campbell - December 16, 2020 at 04:37 PM

DW

“ I remember when Wayne substituted for me. When I returned one of my girls told me that "Mr. Bunch just doesn't understand women!" It always gives me a laugh when I remember this. So sorry for your loss! May the good Lord put his arms around you and your family!

Donna

Donna Williams - December 15, 2020 at 04:40 PM

LJ

“ My heart is broken, Wayne was a wonderful person, hugs and prayers for Carol and family, may the Lord hold you in his arms ❤️

Linda Jobe - December 15, 2020 at 09:39 AM

BS

I'm so sorry to hear this. I worked with Wayne at the Tulsa World. Much too young.

Burl Spencer - December 22, 2020 at 07:17 PM

BW

Wayne and I were colleagues at the Tulsa World for years. We shared many stressors on deadline and even more laughs after hours and during down times. He was a decent, kind man.

Brian Wilson - December 27, 2020 at 08:36 AM

JP

Worked with Wayne in the sports information office at Northeastern State. He was a very hard worker and just an all-around great person.

Jim Patterson - December 27, 2020 at 08:40 AM