



Wayne Wood

May 22, 1939 - February 20, 2021

Wayne Wood was born May 22, 1939, in Bakersfield, California, to J D and Virginia Elizabeth Gwartney Wood. He died Saturday, February 20, 2021, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 81 years. After completion of high school, Wayne attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in education and then his master's degree of public school administration. He later attended the University of Tulsa where he earned his degree in nursing home administration. He was married July 21, 1961, in Stilwell, Oklahoma, to Murlene Simpson. Wayne worked as a teacher and principal with Owasso Public Schools. He also owned and operated Wood Manor Nursing Home in Claremore, Oklahoma. He was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church in Owasso and was active with the Shut In Ministry for 10 years. He and Murlene were extensive world travelers having gone to London and throughout Europe, Hong Kong, Ireland, Germany, and to Alaska. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren and his role of Papa. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife of over 59 years; Murlene, of the home

Two daughters; Tammy Daniels and husband Tony, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Deana Hendrickson and husband Steve, of Omaha, Nebraska

Grandchildren; Katie Shoemaker, of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Luke Shoemaker, of Norman, Oklahoma

Molly Hendrickson, of Omaha, Nebraska

Zach Hendrickson, of Kansas City, Missouri

Two sisters; Jewelene Pierson, of Pryor, Oklahoma

Janice Shirley, of Claremore, Oklahoma

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Delbert Wood.

A public visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2021, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Friendship Baptist Church in Owasso with Pastor Linzy Slayden and Pastor Richard Edwards officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Steve Gwartney, Chris Gwartney, John Sanders, Paul Gatton, John Scott, Jr., and Bill Park. Honorary casket bearers will be Jarod Wood, Jason Wood, Steve Hendrickson, Tony Daniels, Luke Shoemaker, and Zach Hendrickson. Committal service and interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Friendship Baptist Church Mission Fund, 14100 East 86th Street North, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

www.moweryfs.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church
14100 East 86th Street North
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Wayne was my cousin and such a good person. I wish i would have been able to visit with him more these last few years. I have nothing but good memories of the times our families would get together. I will miss him but i know he is in heaven with the family that have gone before him. Love you and Rest in Peace.

Mark Gwartney - March 13, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mowery Funeral Service - March 12, 2021 at 10:02 AM


DH

“ Wayne and I have been friends for about 20 years. I first met him when he joined my gym, Owasso Fitness Zone. Even though we had a 30 yr difference, we got along right away and became great friends. I knew Wayne was a good man and loved Jesus when he told me he would pass the time on the treadmill by praying for my business, my family, and each person that walked through the doors.

Wayne would ask me to drive him to his doctors appointment, on occasion. I remember telling him they probably wouldn't let me go back and talk to the doctor since I'm wasn't family. He said, “ just tell them I'm your uncle.” That's what Wayne was to me, the uncle I never had. I will miss my friend. I'll miss our lunches and time spent running around town. I'll especially miss all the laughs.

Paul Gatton

Deana Hendrickson - March 10, 2021 at 06:59 PM

 Kristi
Gatton

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Kristi Gatton - March 10, 2021 at 01:23 PM

DH

Thank U for sharing on here. I did but it showed my name at the top and not yours:(. This was such a special friendship for both of u. My dad treasured it and spoke often of u! We will all miss him so very much.

Deana

Deana Hendrickson - March 11, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Wood.*



March 09, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wayne Wood.*



March 09, 2021 at 11:44 AM



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



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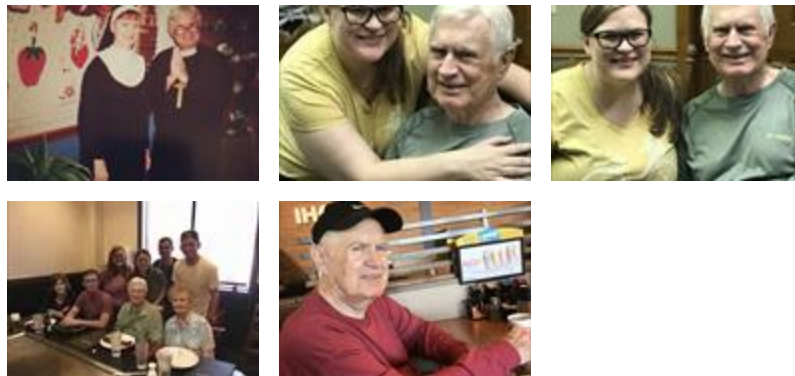
TD

“ When I married into the family, Wayne met me up at Quick Trip to fill up our tank and I asked him there, what do you want me to call you? He said call me Dee or call me Wayne. Whatever you feel like. Calling him either didn't sound right. You see, he was more than a father in law. More than just a husband, dad or Papa. Wayne was a very special person who gained my respect real fast. He took me in right off the bat and made me feel like I was his son. He gave me advice, listened to what I had to say. Gave me a shoulder to lean on if I needed it. He was more than just a name in a crowd. He was one of a kind. Nobody was a stranger. He took interest in what I did or had to say. About a year into our relationship, I started calling him “Pops”. It was a name that I continued to call him. It and he meant the world to me. I'll miss you Pops. I love you and will always remember what we had. Friendship, family and a man who would have helped out family or even a stranger if needed. RIP Pops, I'll never forget the time I had with you.

Tony Daniels - February 27, 2021 at 12:14 PM

KS

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Katie Shoemaker - February 26, 2021 at 10:46 PM

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Katie Shoemaker - February 26, 2021 at 10:38 PM



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



February 26, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Wayne Wood.



February 26, 2021 at 09:41 PM

TD

“ Wayne was my father in law. When I married into the family I asked him what should I call him? His reply was call me Dee or call me Wayne. Those names never really fit him in my eyes. He was much more than a name to me. It didn't take long before I came up with the name “Pops”. He was more than just a father in law to me. He was a dad to me and accepted me into his wonderful family pretty quickly. He was there for me, gave me advice or listened to what I had to say. We had a bond that can't be replaced. He cut up with me and laughed with me or even at me when I said or did something silly. I have met a lot of people but none that was like him. He was unique and I'll forever be grateful for what we had. I'll miss him but he will forever be in my heart. Love you Pops!!

Tony Daniels - February 26, 2021 at 09:12 PM

JS

“ I cannot begin to express how saddened I am by the loss of such a great man.

My Uncle Wayne was an enormous influence on my life. While I did not always live close and was not always able to visit often, he was always with me. Uncle Wayne never missed a birthday, never missed a Christmas. Whenever I could be in town we always found time to see each other. Uncle Wayne was always available to listen and provide guidance.

Uncle Wayne had a huge impact on a number of people in his too few years with us. Everyone who knew him was better because of it. He was always a positive light in the world. Uncle Wayne cared deeply about his family. Not just his immediate family, but everyone that was in his life. No one could ever doubt his generosity and thoughtfulness.

Uncle Wayne was there for me whenever I needed him. There were some times, especially as a youngster, when I needed someone to be a guide and positive influence. Uncle Wayne was there. His love and support for me, my Mom, and my Sister cannot go unstated. His impact has truly been felt in our family.

I know that Uncle Wayne's memory will live on in the hearts of the multitudes that he has impacted. I also know that his impact on this world was a positive one. He put in more than he took out. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.

Uncle Wayne - thank you for everything that you have done for me and my family. I only hope that I can live to be the man that you have been and leave such a positive impact on the world. I will miss you!

Love, Jon

Jonathan Sanders - February 26, 2021 at 02:17 PM

AK

“ I actually met Wayne on his daughter Deana’s wedding day when she married my Nephew. Since then I have witnessed a loving husband, Father and Papa to his family. Always charitable, especially with prayers for anyone who was in need. Prayers of comfort for his family, he will be missed.

Allie and Tom

Alice Hickey Kirk - February 26, 2021 at 01:40 PM

CS

“ Many shared memories. Won't be attending physically, but in our thoughts.

Cecil and Nita

Cecil Snider - February 25, 2021 at 09:19 PM

BS

“ I worked for in the office at Wood Manor Nursing Home for and with Wayne for 15 years. It was my privilege to work for him. He was a wonderful boss who made you feel like part of his family. Although I haven't seen him very much since I retired, We still kept in touch . I will miss his texts and Christmas cards. He was truly a great friend and will be missed by all who knew him and worked for him. I know he is walking the streets of gold and I'll see him again

- Barbara Sumter

Barbara Sumter - February 25, 2021 at 08:43 PM

DH

“ I was with my dad at his end, as he was with me at my beginning. In the 56 years we’ve shared together, he raised me, taught me, corrected me, comforted me, encouraged me, and loved me unconditionally. His love and his care, ever present, always unfailing.

My dad's passing comes with great sorrow and grief for me, my mom, sister and entire family. He was our light burning bright, and we lived in his light and warmth for so long. But we know his light lives on, in each of us. The days and years to come will not be the same.

One of my fondest memories, as a child, was in elementary. My dad was my principal and I loved it. I was a quiet, shy child so having the safety net of him just down the hall made me feel less anxious. This particular memory started with a bathroom break. I realized I kept my pj bottoms (bloomers we called them) on under my dress. Oh my what was I going to do if anyone saw them, but dad to the rescue. I went to his office and whispered in his ear.... he said, “it’s ok, just slip them off and I will put them right in this desk drawer.” He saved me from undo embarrassment. He continually saved me in whatever way he could.

This was a senseless way for him to leave us. COVID has taken so many from their loved ones. I just didn’t think it would happen to us. Dad, I will carry you in my heart forever and see you again someday. I know God said, “well done my child, well done.” ❤️🙏

Love,
Deana

Deana Hendrickson - February 25, 2021 at 02:06 PM

JS

Wayne was my brother, my parent, my boss and my friend. We shared an extra special bond because we could talk about anything.

I lived in other states after moving away from home and when I came to visit family, I would always go stay with Wayne and family for a night or two. We talked to all hours and always gave each other back and shoulder massages. I remember one time it was so hard I bruised from the massage.

Growing up he thought he was my parent and he would discipline me by hitting me on the head with a broomstick handle!

I also remember him taking my other brother and I to movies and he foot the bill for popcorn and coke too.

He would save his lunch money and buy us Christmas presents and even gave my brother and I money to buy our mom something.

I can't begin to say all the things we did in life, but he was the absolute best brother and friend to me that was possible.

I will miss him so much as I know all his family and friends will too as you cannot possibly say enough good things about him as a person.

I loved him so much and so much is gone from our lives.

Janice Shively - February 25, 2021 at 05:54 PM

KS

I love you, Deana.

Katie Shoemaker - February 25, 2021 at 10:59 PM

EC

I feel like I was instrumental in getting Wayne and Murlene together. We were all college buddies and it is so sad for him to leave us so soon. Rest in Peace Wayne. You were loved and you will be remembered.

Eloise Cunningham - February 27, 2021 at 02:50 PM