



Willard Lynn Wood

September 15, 1931 - September 4, 2020

Reverend Lynn Wood was born September 15, 1931, in Stratford, Oklahoma, to John Adam and Effie Leona Hunt Wood. He passed peacefully on Friday morning, September 4, 2020, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years. Lynn completed his secondary education in Ada, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Ada High School Class of 1949. He was married August 19, 1950, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Jo Ann Barber. He was ordained to the ministry in 1950 and was a faithful pastor for over 67 years. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War. After his military service, Lynn pastored churches in Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, California, and Missouri. He and Jo Ann made Owasso their home in 1997 where he served with Rejoice Church, completing his full-time ministry. Lynn also served in different capacities with the Free Will Baptist Church denomination. He served as the first Promotional Director of Oklahoma Bible College, now Randall University in Moore, Oklahoma. He also sat on several denomination boards in both state and national capacities. He loved Mexico Free Will Baptist Missions and was privileged to speak at their National Convention. He served as a board member of Standing In The Gap while living in Owasso. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, especially spending time on the golf course. He was also known as “The Voice of Rejoice” announcing Rejoice Eagle basketball. He was particularly fond of his role as “Papa” to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Four sons; Terry Wood and wife Dianne, of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mark Wood and wife Brenda, of Jenks, Oklahoma

Scott Wood and wife Pam, of Catoosa, Oklahoma

Kevin Wood and wife Fran, of Collinsville, Oklahoma

11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren

Brother; Glen Wood, of Granbury, Texas

Sister-in-law; Carolyn Lee and husband Glen, of Meridian, Texas

Brother-in-law; Ron Barber, of Payson, Arizona

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ann, his parents, and one brother, Jerry Wood.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at

Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2020, at Rejoice Church in Owasso with Reverend Jack Richey and Reverend Steve Dighton officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Josh Wood, Allen Hood, Luke Oldham, Jeremy Roberson, Judson Chevalier, and Jacob Bishop. Final resting place will be held later at Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Woodcrest Mexico Missions, c/o Woodcrest Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1110, Catoosa, Oklahoma, 74015-1110

Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

www.moweryfs.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Fund

SEP 10 (CT)

Woodcrest Mexico Missions c/o Woodcrest Free Will Baptist Church
P.O. Box 1110
Catoosa, OK 74015-1110

Tribute Wall

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“ *What I remember about Lynn from Sid Foster.
His love and commitment to Christ, his family and the churches where he served.
His love of people and his booming voice which he used for preaching and singing.
His smile and sense of humor including being able to laugh at himself.
He was an active person who didn't sit still for very long.
He was an avid sports enthusiast who favored the St Louis Cardinals and the Rejoice Christian Eagles.
He truly made a difference during his time on earth and blessed many people.*

Sid Foster - September 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM

JF

“ *Lynn was my pastor from 1959 until he left Northside Freewill Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona, to pastor elsewhere. He greatly influenced my life as well as the lives of all my friends in the church.*

He and Joann lived next door to the church in the parsonage with their children. We teenagers were welcome to just walk into their home without knocking. We still talk about how wonderful that was.

Each month a different family would host a party for the teenagers in the church, and Lynn would always attend. He had as much fun as we did. I can still hear his loud laughter in my mind's memory.

He preached sound doctrine and was always there for our big moments. Many years later my husband and I attended a revival service he preached for a church on north Black Canyon highway in Phoenix. Lynn said he wondered sometimes if it was all worth it -- his years of preaching the gospel. I stood to tearfully assure him that it was for me and many, many others whose lives he had so greatly influenced for the Lord. I assured him that he was very precious to us and that so was Joann.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

*Joyce Hayes-Friesen
17346 N. Rainbow Circle
Surprise, AZ 85374
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Joyce Friesen - September 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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“ I know heaven is rejoicing. Our family has many many memories of Bro Lynn. All of my children went to Rejoice School when the school first started. He was a supportive role to each of them. Always ready to listen to a story the kids had to tell. Then when he was a resident at Homestead we spent many days talking about the kids. He always greeted us with a smile when we came to visit him there. (My Mother in law was also a resident there.) I'm not sure how much if any he really remembered but he enjoyed talking with us all the same. I am going to him his smile!!! RIP Bro Lynn!!! You will always be remembered by the Franklin Family!!!

Tammy Franklin - September 11, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ Such fond memories of such sweet people. While residing in California, Bro. Lynn was called to pastor our church. The church had paid airfare for he and Jo Ann. They had boarded but he got off the plane. The stewardess came to get Jo Ann to exit the plane. She was told he refused to get back on and she would have to get off because the plane had to depart. He was quite a character! I loved them so. I was so thankful he agreed to come to Arkansas to marry our youngest daughter, Melanie. We had a great visit that weekend. So thankful this Godly couple came into our lives. They were such faithful servants and he was a wonderful pastor. Praying for you boys and your families during this time. You were blessed with wonderful parents. May you find comfort and peace in the Lord during your time of sorrow. Patsy Munford Nottenkamper

Patsy Munford Nottenkamper - September 10, 2020 at 11:40 PM

LL

“ I have the fondest memories of Lynn, JoAnn and their boys. Lynn was my pastor at the Ada FWB in the 60's. Terry and Mark use to come to our house after church on Sundays to just hang out. I remember the fun times at church camp. Lynn was a powerful pastor with lots of love and compassion. He and JoAnn had a great sense of humor and such faithful servants for our Lord. My heart goes out to the family during this time of loss and such great rejoicing for Lynn is now Home. We love your family dearly. God Bless.
Linda Geiger Lancaster, Gary and Darrell Geiger.

Linda Geiger Lancaster - September 10, 2020 at 11:59 AM

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“ *Williams Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Willard Lynn Wood.*



Williams Family - September 09, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ *Countless times have I heard my father (Charles Murphy) speak highly of and with appreciation to this man of God. Lynn and Jo Ann were true followers of Jesus Christ and faithful workers in the FWB denomination and for the kingdom of God. Our country is indebted to Lynn for his honorable service during the Korean War. I can say assuredly now Lynn and Jo Ann are both together face to face with their Lord and Savior. Praying for the family during this time for the peace of God which passes all understanding to be powerful and the hope of Heaven to be real as you mourn the earthly loss of father, papa, brother, brother-in-law, friend, and pastor. -Shelley (Murphy) Cook*

Shelley (Murphy) Cook - September 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM

PH

“ *We shared many many wonderful memories with Lynn and his family; like the hole-in-one on Randall Golf Course, many fish fries, home made banana ice cream, camping trips to lake, trips to Nat'l and Mexico just to name a few. He was our pastor and best friend.*



Paul and Joan Harker - September 08, 2020 at 03:29 PM