



S. Wayne Maxwell

June 20, 1943 - November 1, 2022

S. Wayne Maxwell, age 79 of Purcell, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Starling Wayne Maxwell was born June 20, 1943 in Tishomingo, OK, the 4th of 5 children born to Raymond Carroll Maxwell and Ruby Loid (Potts) Maxwell. He was raised in Tishomingo and attended school there, graduating with the Indians Class of 1961. Wayne joined the United States Army and proudly served his country. During this time, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Carolee May Blackwell, and they were married on August 27, 1962 in Tishomingo. The very day after being discharged, Wayne began taking classes at East Central University. He followed his heart in hopes of being an Educator and Coach, graduating with his Bachelors of Education. He began his teaching career in Davis, followed by stops in Prague, Okemah and Wellston. By now his young family was growing, as he and Carolee welcomed son Brandon and daughter Malee. With encouragement from some mentors, Wayne began pursuing his Superintendents Certification. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Masters of Arts in School Administration Degree. He began his first Superintendent position in Thackerville Public Schools, where the experience led him to further opportunities. He was Superintendent for Lexington Public Schools for 12 years and eventually at Purcell Public Schools where he retired. But retirement for Wayne looked a little different as he accepted a position with the Professional Oklahoma Educators (POE) as Director of Retired POE. Wayne worked with retirees all over the state, navigate their way through their

retirement plans. After serving 50 years in Education he retired in July of this year, as his health would no longer allow him to manage the time demands of the position. Away from work, Wayne enjoyed tending to his yard and traveling. He was an avid reader, and eventually a published writer. Wayne published several books, including one he co-authored with Carolee. He stayed active as an advocate for Educators, never turning down an opportunity to share his passion. He loved all things OU, and was a huge Sooner Football fan. Wayne cherished Carolee, his children and was never happier than the day he became a grandfather. He was a man of great faith and an active member of Impact Church in Norman. He will be dearly missed! He was preceded in death by: his parents, Raymond and Ruby Maxwell and an infant sister, Genivee Maxwell.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carolee Maxwell; his son Brandon Wayne Maxwell of Palm Springs, CA; daughter Malee Isenberg and husband Chad of Edmond; three sisters, Carroll Smith of St. Louis, OK, Kletta Braden of Sulphur, OK and June Chew of Konawa, OK; his pride and joy, grandchildren, Sheridan Duncan of Louisville, KY and Ellianna Isenberg of Edmond, and a host of other family and friends.

An Honor Celebration for S. Wayne Maxwell will be 2:00 P.M. Sunday November 13, 2022 at Professional Oklahoma Educators (POE) 621 24th Ave. S.W. Norman, OK 73069. www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

EO

“ *Carolee & Family,
I was so sad to hear of Mr. Maxwell's passing. Prayers that your
happiest memories will give you comfort.*

Eileen Pruett Ogilvie - November 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *May God hold you in his arms and be with
you during this time. You are in my prayers.*



Donna Williams - November 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Carolee, You and Wayne were such a blessing to me. Always kind
loving, and always with an encouraging word from the Lord. I loved
to see you two dancing and your love was so strong and mutual.
My heart is heavy for you and yet, I'm so comforted to know that
Wayne loved the Lord Jesus as Christ and Savior. What a comfort
to know he is in his eternal home. I'm pray8ing for you as you
navigate these hard, uncharted waters. I love you and Wayne
and I will never forget the impact you two made on me. May the
love of Jesus sustain you! God bless you! Pam (Kennedy) Griffith*

Pam Griffith - November 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Carolee, Brandon and Malee,
Wayne was a kind, good man and our family grieve with you at his death. His outstanding career, his love of Oklahoma and his love and devotion to you his family are remembered by all who knew him. You have our prayers during this difficult time.
Love,
Sharon, Geoffrey and family and Jonathan's family

Sharon Blackwell - November 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Mrs. Maxwell,
I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Mr. Maxwell and you were a couple I looked up to as a little girl in elementary school in Davis. ❤️🙏

Toni Daniel Carver - November 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Wayne Maxwell was a dear friend, great colleague, and superintendent who truly cared about people. Rhonda and I were hired in the spring of 2000 to teach and coach at Purcell. Wayne welcomed us and always would talk and react as if he was one of us. A very respected and humble servant. Welcome home Mr. Maxwell !

Mike and Rhonda savage - November 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My son and I had the pleasure of knowing Wayne when we attended the same church and outside activities for the Chickasaw nation. He was always such a positive light and as funny as could be. All our prayers to the Maxwell family. He will be greatly missed.

Skyler Pearson - November 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Carolee ! Our hearts are shattered to learn of Wayne. What a wonderful guy that we met at East Central University, Ada, Okla. So many laughs together!*

Jim & Judy Chowins - November 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FQ

“ *Our prayers are with the Maxwell family in the loss of Wayne. My years working for him at Lexington were some of the best.*

Fred & Donna Queen - November 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *So shocked and saddened to hear of Mr. Maxwell's passing. He hired me to teach and coach at Lexington which led to a 22 year stay and I have always been grateful to him for that! Praying that God will comfort his family during this sad time and hold them up in the days ahead!*

Bruce Walck - November 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM