



David L. Chapman, Sr.

September 26, 1939 - September 3, 2011

David L. Chapman, Sr., 71, of Elmore City, Ok, went to be with the Lord Saturday, September 03, 2011.

He was born September 26, 1939, in Oklahoma City to Zola Mae Young Kelley and was lovingly adopted by Amos J and Celia Erwin Chapman. David grew up in Elmore City and graduated from Elmore City High School in 1957. He met Dora Pearl Childress when he was only 12 years old and began dating her when he was in his early teens. The couple married on May 22, 1959, at the First Baptist Church of Elmore City.

David joined the Army National Guard at age 16 and served for nine years. He worked at Roy Perkins' Lumber in Pauls Valley for eight years and was later employed at the Wynnewood Refinery, where he retired in 2007 after 42 years of service.

David's childhood fascination with farming continued throughout his adult years through custom farming work. Greater than his love for tractors, however, was his love for people – his family, friends, co-workers, and those who helped run his farm machinery.

David was a member of the First Baptist Church of Elmore City and trusted in Christ during a revival weekend at the church in 1975. He served as a teacher in both Sunday School and Training Union for several decades, most recently as a fourth grade Sunday School teacher. His love for children was not limited to the church, however. Beginning in 1984, he and his wife welcomed 12 foster children into their home and later received the Foster Parents of the

Year award from the Family Care Department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

David will be remembered most for his easy-going, fun-loving personality and caring Christian spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Dora; three sons and their wives, David and Reena Chapman, Dennis and Lisa Chapman, and Darrell and Dayna Chapman, all of Elmore City; three foster sons, Dusty Kyle of Ardmore, Ok, Kellen Kyle of Ardmore, Ok., and Cameron Lowe of Elmore City; one foster daughter, Cherokee Chambers of San Angelo, Texas; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Lou Benton of Oklahoma City; seven grandchildren, Erin Chapman; Jared Chapman and his wife, Mandy; Joshua Chapman; Kasey Chapman; Keely Howard and her husband, Creede; Kiawa Chambers; and Mitch Chambers; and two great-grandchildren, Cayden Chapman and Carsen Chapman.

David was preceded in death by his mother Zola Mae Young Kelley; his parents, Amos J and Celia Erwin Chapman; and a son, Danny LaDon Chapman

Funeral services for Mr. Chapman will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Elmore City with Dr. Bruce McCray officiating. Interment will be in the Elmore City Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **5.** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)
105 S. Main
Elmore City, OK

Service

SEP **6.** 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church- Elmore City
103 S. Arkansas
Elmore City, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of David L. Chapman, Sr.*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *David L. Chapman, Sr.*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *My deep sympathy to all David's family and other friends. This is a terrible loss. I worked with David for several years and enjoyed being friends with him.##imported-begin##Kay Holman##imported-end##*

September 07, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ *I was so very sorry to hear about David and my sympathy and prayers are sent out to us all who knew and loved him. Pat Hanson##imported-begin##PATRICIA NALE HANSON##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 06:30 PM



“ David & Renea
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Karen Welty##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ Dora my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this very sad time. To know he is no longer sick or in pain is a blessing, may God put his arms around you and lean on Him for all your strength. I know that you will. We will meet them again one day. You are in my prayers, Alice##imported-begin##Alice Bush##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ Dora, My heart is so heavy for you and your family I have always admired your love of your family and your service to God. I know that God will carry you through these times. I wish I could be with you tomorrow but I just am not able to be there but you are in my prayers. We love you guys very much.##imported-begin##Reford and Gayle Johnson##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 08:48 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Class skating parties & hayrides we all shared with David. He was well respected by members of the Class of 57, we shall all miss him. Dora & family, you have my condolences.##imported-begin##Beverly Mcilntyre Johnson##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 07:54 PM



“ Rest in Peace David. Prayers are with the entire family.##imported-begin##Anita Benton##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 02:16 PM



“ The Chapman Family So sorry for loss,I worked with David for most of the 42 yrs. He was a very good man and always a good friend to all.##imported-begin##Max Drennan##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 10:54 AM



“ Dear Chapman Family,
The benevolence and love of Christ has deeply touched me through your family. We are given but a fragment of time on this earth in our frail human bodies. It is what we do with it, how we are stewards of that gift, and that benevolence of His that we reflect back upon this earth by which we are measured. David Sr. taught those around him, showing his sons the Grace on earth; that unending Grace that is all that really matters; Grace that shines through people. It is weightless, effortless, unhurried and ever present. But Grace would remain invisible without the human touch, connecting God's Grace to our hearts. I testify that David Chapman Sr., a man I never met, connected me and scores of others to that Grace by way of what he taught those around him. His work in David now complete, He has called him home. I thank you Lord for blessing us with this man's life.

Your friend, Lee Tigner##imported-begin##Lee Tigner##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 10:42 AM



“ Joe and I send our sympathy and prayers.##imported-begin##Leah Moody Kennedy##imported-end##

September 05, 2011 at 10:19 AM



“ I have such great memories of David and how close we were as kids attending East Side Missionary Baptist Church. We spend many Sunday afternoons exploring the creeks and ponds at our farms after Church. He will be missed-##imported-begin##Jerry Williams##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 04:00 PM



“ a sad day for all who knew David we should all try to impact other peoples lives as much as david did . He was one of my best friends in school. Just remembering those days sadens me to know he is gone. LAURA and i wish to extend our condolence to Dora and the remainder of his family. Our prayers are with them.##imported-begin##travis and laura cantwell##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 02:29 PM



“ The last time I was with David was at our graduation from ECHS .. Class of '57. On Sept 3, he experienced the Greatest Graduation of all ... into the loving arms of Jesus and God, our Father. I know this realization will bring peace and comfort to his family. May God be close to you, Dora.
Paul and Lorna Keeling##imported-begin##Paul Keeing##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 11:23 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to David's family and friends. We graduated together at Elmore City High.##imported-begin##Charles Stelding##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Dora and Family,
We are saddened to hear about David's death for your sakes. At the same time we rejoice with you that David is now at home. I know you all will miss him terribly, but we look forward to the day when those of us who know Jesus will be reunited. When I think of David, I think of Micah 6:8 "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Sounds like David to me!
You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jeff and Karla Pulliam and family##imported-end##

September 04, 2011 at 09:46 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for your great loss, but a cheer for God's gain in his wonderful kingdom. May his love and peace comfort you and your family at this very difficult time. Sincerely, Caroline##imported-begin##Caroline Reynolds Frusher##imported-end##

September 03, 2011 at 09:08 PM



“ *In remembrance of a fellow classmate of the EHS Class of '57.*

David was an example of the character of a life well lived.

May God's grace provide comfort for Dora, and family as they share pleasant memories.##imported-begin##Jerry Leach##imported-end##

September 03, 2011 at 04:52 PM