



Don Wiley

August 9, 1934 - March 22, 2013

Don Wiley of Foster, Oklahoma was born to Lynn and Mary (Williams) Wiley on August 9th, 1934 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and entered eternal life on March 22, 2013 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at the age of 78 years. Don grew up and spent his childhood days in Foster, Oklahoma and graduated from Pernell High School in 1952. During his senior year of high school he began a serious relationship with a sweet girl named June Price. The couple later tied the knot on August 01, 1953 at the First Baptist Church in Tussy, Oklahoma. They soon entered college at East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma where he majored in industrial arts and education. Each summer they would return to the Lynn Wiley farm at Foster, and while he helped his father working, June became a better bride learning to make Mimi's jelly. After college Mr. Powell, Superintendent at Pernell school, wanted Don to complete the year for a teacher who was going to be out on maternity leave. It turned out he enjoyed teaching so much that he taught for 20 years. Don Wiley was truly the jack of all trades at the school. He was the principal for the majority of the 20 years he taught, he coached many winning girls and boys basketball teams, he drove the school bus and did whatever needed to be done. Although he was a firm disciplinarian for those 20 years, he influenced many children's lives because he loved them as well as corrected them. He was "Mr. Wiley", loved and respected even though many had their initials written on his paddle. The paddle was very personalized because it was designed and applied by Don Wiley. If a student was sent to the office and needed paddling,

their initials were written on his paddle. If the student made a return visit, and Mr. Wiley found their initials on his paddle, a paddling was in order with no plea option. He always championed the underdog, those who possessed the least. In 1976 he retired from teaching, and he and Terry Helvey began South Central Builders in Elmore City. Ultimately he built churches and homes in many states, and of course, the First Baptist Church in Elmore City. Don was a faithful follower of his church, the First Baptist Church in Elmore City, and served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. The highlight of his life was his family, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He always taught them to "be the better person" and to "shake off your hurt and go forward".

Mr. Wiley is survived by: Wife June Wiley of the Home, Two sons; Randy and Mary Wiley of Foster, OK and Roger and Candy Wiley of Elmore City, OK. One daughter Lainie Lee and husband Kenneth of Odessa, TX. Sister, Marilyn Blaker of Houston, TX. Four Grandchildren Misty, Nick, Anna, and Cindy. Four great-grandchildren Aleah, Isaac, Luke, and Jude.

Mr. Wiley was preceded in death by: Parents; Lynn and Mary Wiley, and his brother James Wiley.

Funeral services for Don Wiley of Foster, Oklahoma are scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Elmore City First Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Foster Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com. Further obituary information will be in the next edition of the Pauls Valley Democrat and at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Foster Cemetery

Foster, OK

Previous Events

Service

MAR 25. 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 Don Wiley*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Don Wiley*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Lanie, I can not express my love and prayers to you and your family enough. You will miss them, you will cry, you will laugh and you will always have fond memories of them in days, weeks and months to come. Cherish the time you had with him and keep your mom close to you. God Bless you All*
Debbie Romero

debbie tomero - March 28, 2013 at 06:05 AM

AL

“ June, I'm so sorry to hear about Don. May you find peace and comfort. He will be greatly missed

Amanda Lewis

Amanda Lewis - March 27, 2013 at 08:01 PM

RB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Don. He was always so kind to me and my family. He will be greatly missed. I will keep you all in my prayers. Sincerely, Renee' Barber

Renee' Barber - March 27, 2013 at 01:06 PM

SH

“ To the Wiley Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Wiley. He was truly a kind, sincere man that we respected very much. I know he will be missed by family, friends and the community.

Sincerely, the Herrod family

Shannon Herrod - March 25, 2013 at 10:13 PM

PR

“ When we moved to Pernell he welcomed us with open arms and taught me to be a good basketball player,. I looked up to him in High School and I still do. I am so sorry for your loss. Pat Tower Ruble

Pat Tower Ruble - March 25, 2013 at 02:00 PM

PR

“ I am so sorry. I enjoyed him so much as a kid after we moved to Pernell and I began to play basketball. He made it fun for me and he was a good teacher. Sincerely Pat Tower Ruble

Pat Tower Ruble - March 25, 2013 at 01:50 PM

RW

“ Mrs. Wiley and Family, We were so sorry to hear of Mr. Wiley's passing. Both Mr. Wiley and you, will always hold a special place in the hearts of my family and myself. When my family was going to have to move out of the Pernell School District, Mr. Wiley found us a home. It happened to be his mom & dad's old place. My Mom, dad and Jane lived in that rock house for many years, while my brothers and I lived in the old wooden frame house just north of the rock house. We would see Mr. Wiley and his dad almost daily, feeding cattle and horses. When mom and dad moved to Lindsay after mom's severe heart attack, you opened your hearts and house to my little sister, Jane.

Mr. Wiley was a positive role model in my life. He is one of the reasons why I chose the career I have done for the past 35 years. He helped mold me into a better man. I just saw the two of you at Wal-Mart recently. I told both of you we loved you and how much I appreciated the type of role models you were for so many including my brothers, sister and me. Mr. Wiley's words to me were, we love you kids, too. Still called me a kid with me being 60 years old. We will always love you, too. Rick Worden

Rick Worden - March 25, 2013 at 09:24 AM

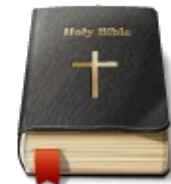
Lea
Curtis

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Wiley, also. He was always very kind to me at school. I loved his little blue Volkswagen Rabbit. Mr. Hicks had a brown one and Mr. Wiley had the blue one and I loved those cars. Mrs. Wiley was my 3rd & 4th grade teacher and I truly loved her, as well. Thank you, Mrs. Wiley, for always saying a prayer before our lunchtime. Thank you for teaching us manners and respect, as well as our book lessons. Thank you for teaching me that I didn't have to press so hard when I write, so I don't have a knot on my finger now. ha
Thank you for being great leaders and friends!! I will be praying for your family.
God is so good to hold us and carry us when we feel we can't go on. Love you all!
Lea Anna Cole Curtis
Pernell Class of 1982

Lea Curtis - March 25, 2013 at 08:43 AM

CP

“ Don will be missed by so many not only at church but in life was well, He was a true light of this world. Always had a smile and a kind word to everyone. Praying for the family and June. They are a special couple.



Carolyn Pettit - March 24, 2013 at 11:07 PM

DT

“ Sorry for you loss. douglas townsend



douglas townsend - March 24, 2013 at 10:21 PM

RA

“ So sad to hear we've lost a great dad! Even to all the kids that weren't his own but just friends. Lots of good memories and fun times in Foster, America with all those Foster children. He leaves a great Legacy with those great children. He will be remembered and missed. We love you Don! Becca Anderson

Rebecca (Henderson) Anderson - March 24, 2013 at 10:13 PM

JO

“ JOLEYNE lit a candle in memory of Don Wiley



JOLEYNE - March 24, 2013 at 08:28 PM

LW

“ Don was always the best to this City Boy when our family would come down for a visit. He put me on my first horse and opened my eyes to a whole new world. June and family, you have been fortunate to have a great husband and father for some time. I guess God needs another good man to welcome us later.

*Lanny & Judy Williams
Tahlequah, Oklahoma*

Lanny Williams - March 24, 2013 at 06:29 PM

PP

“ Sending our heartfelt love for you all. He was probably one of the kindest men I have ever know. Prayers of strength and comfort being said.

Paula, Sam and Lace

Paula Powers - March 24, 2013 at 03:41 PM

TE

“ Don influenced my life in many ways. He gave me my first job at 16 picking up pecans. I learned a lot from him. He lead my father (Leon LaFever) to The Lord I will always be thankful for that. He will be dearly missed. Terri LaFever Shirley.

Terri - March 24, 2013 at 11:34 AM

HB

“ June and family I am sadden today after reading of the passing of Don. June you may not remember me, I am a former Elmore City resident and worked for the Pauls Valley Daily Democrat while Don was coaching basketball.

My Sympathy, love and prayers are with you all, you will all have many happy memories to share with each other in the future. God Bless you all.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of whihch have the potencial to turn a life around. Don was that kind of a man. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

Harold Bradley - March 24, 2013 at 07:48 AM

DC

“ At least he didn't use his electric paddle on us nieces even though we probably deserved it at times! My favorite childhood memories revolve around the time spent with the family in Foster. Even after spending weeks at a time during the summers, Uncle Don would act like he'd miss having us around when it was time for us to return home. I wish everyone could have an uncle that made them a better person and the world a better place. Thank you for being there for me. I will love you always. Dawn

Dawn Blaker Clabough - March 23, 2013 at 09:48 PM

CS

“ June and family I am so sorry to hear this news. My thoughts, prayers, and love are with each of you at this time of such great loss.

Carla (Howard) Selman

Carla (Howard) Selman - March 23, 2013 at 09:41 PM

BS

“ June, I'm so sad to hear about Don....I know it's going to be difficult for you to say this goodbye, but rest assured that we'll all be seeing him again someday.

Don was always a special cousin to me and ever since having some business connections, Larry thought the world of him too.

I have many cousins, but Don always stood out as such a loving, kind and caring man. He always reminded me of a Gentle Giant.

He will be missed, especially by you.

I loved Don along with everyone else who knew him.

Love you too, June!

Brenda Smith

Brenda Smith - March 23, 2013 at 08:21 PM

GH

“ When i was in grade school, Don and his brother, James, were very good high school basketball players. They could throw the ball from one end of the court to the other in one movement.

I, also, rode the bus with Don and Vernon Ray Zigler. Many days, they would sit behind me and tease me. One day they tied my braids together. Another day they tied my dress sash to the bar on the corner of my seat. When I tried to get off the bus, I couldn't. Don graduated, went to ECU, married June and came back to Pernell as our basketball coach and principal. This time he was very professional and all business.

One night we were playing Hughes. They had a very tall post forward. Don told me to step in front of her and not move. I did as he said, but I got the foul. He told me to do it again. Again, I got the foul. When I glanced at him, he said, "Do it again!" It was the first quarter and I had three fouls. I was not very happy with Mr. Wiley, but I followed his instructions. That time the forward, whose name I remember to this day, got the foul. At the end of the game, I had three fouls and SHE had fouled out. Mr. Wiley was right!

Many years later, when our mother passed away, the pastor we wanted for the service was out of state. As we pondered over whom to call, someone mentioned Don Wiley's name. We were unanimously delighted. Who, in the area, had known her better? His parents and our parents had been friends. We called and he generously accepted.

He had known mother all of his life. He had stories that we had never heard. We were so pleased with the service.

June, this is a new chapter for you. It will be difficult, but remember: Psalms 23:4 "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. I love you and I will pray for you.

Geraldine Walters Hodges - March 23, 2013 at 07:58 PM

AB

“ So sorry about Don's death. He was a great friend to my parents-
Heavy and Marie Kennedy .

*I know First Baptist will miss him as well as all the friends and
family.*

Ann (Kennedy) Bleything

Ann Kennedy Bleything - March 23, 2013 at 06:17 PM

EB

“ June and Family,

*So sorry to hear about the loss of Don. We all graduated together a
long time ago. May God bless you and keep you through this time of
sorrow.*

Eula Dean (Lovett) Boles

Eula Dean (Lovett) Boles - March 23, 2013 at 03:51 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Don Wiley.



March 23, 2013 at 08:51 AM

DP

“ My husband, Roy, and I were at East Central with Don and June.
Roy has also "graduated to glory." He and Don are to be
remembered for lives well lived. I'm praying for June and the family.
Dr. Kathryn Presley

Dr. Kathryn Presley - March 23, 2013 at 06:29 AM

TA

“ I loved this man so much. I remember like it was yesterday him keeping me encouraged. He was so patient with me, even when I could be a little rebellious. I did visit his office a few times behind closed doors, not by choice. But never got the experience of the "electric paddle" like both my brothers did. Not that I didn't need it. He was always so kind and patient, speaking positive into my life when I needed it so badly. He was a great mentor. I loved him as the first coach I ever had, and I loved him as a principal. And when I finally grew up, he was a great friend. What a loving man! He will be missed greatly. And, I, like my brother, would like to say "Thank you" Mr. Wiley for always believing in me and loving me even when I was unlovable. You planted a positive seed in my life that can never be uprooted. And, thank you, too, Miss June. What a blessing to have such a godly wife who was willing to share her husband with those of us that needed him so much. Prayers for you, Randy, Roger, Lainie, and all those grandkids. Love you all. God bless.

Terry Lynn Abrams-Henderson - March 22, 2013 at 10:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Don Wiley.



March 22, 2013 at 08:36 PM

 Daina
Wilson

“ They're so many memories. Which ones do I tell ? I guess I'd have to say those would be the ones that included basketball. We won so many tournaments with Mr. Wiley as our Coach ! He was everything that a Coach needed to be. And just like the Coach in Hoosiers, he once told me to guard a girl so close that I could tell him what flavor her chewing gum was. I played for two other coaches before I graduated and not one of those two could inspire young people like Mr. Wiley could. We were so fortunate to have a man like him in our life. So many life lessons came from him. I remember calling him when my baby daughter was scrimmaging at Elmore City. June said she knew something was up when he put his hand around the phone mouth piece and said "We have company but I'll get rid of them and we'll be right there" and sure enough there they came. He will be eternally missed and forever in our hearts.

Daina Wilson - March 22, 2013 at 08:05 PM

AR

“ Don Wiley was the best uncle in the world. I don't have words to express how much I will miss this wonderful man, who left us far too soon.

April Blaker Rayborn

April Blaker Rayborn - March 22, 2013 at 06:44 PM



“ The first time I remember seeing Mr. Wiley I was starting 1st grade & I was terrified. Aunt Gay (Merritt) and probably uncle Carl Wampler had warned me that he had an electric paddle,(I suppose she knew I would get to know him since I was a bit ADHD). I asked him if he actually had an electric paddle and in fact he took me to his office and showed it to me. It was a huge paddle with WILEY drilled in 1/4" holes with a piece of extension cord athletic taped to it. I think especially for inquisitive minds.

Well, I did visit his office many time in the 11 of 12 years he was my principal and he used that paddle on me plenty. Funny, it never had the cord on it though.

The last time I saw Don was at our school reunion at Elmore City Lake. As usual with me, he took up his boxing stance and started toward me saying, "Come on Abrams, you might be old enough to take me now." And here we'd go circling around each other like hundreds of times before.

Words can't express how I loved this man. I didn't think much about it until today just how much he loved me. He made me to be better, to do better. He expected so much out of us and we wanted to honor him. He loved me, he loved Pernell, and he especially loved his family.

Thank you Wiley family for all the many hours and years you shared him with us. Thousands of memories from hundreds of people are going through our minds. Please know I love and pray for all of you. And know this, for my entire life I will honor his memory remembering how he helped shape me to become a better man.

God bless,
Rusty Abrams

Rusty Abrams - March 22, 2013 at 05:38 PM

PM

A great Man that will be loved forever by so many people. I have always been very proud to call him cousin. My thoughts are with you June, also with the kids and grandkids. We have lost a wonderful person, but he has gone to a wonderful place, of that we are sure. Till we meet again.

Patty Tomlinson McKee - March 23, 2013 at 06:46 PM