



Wendell Donahoo

December 23, 1936 - July 23, 2023

Wendell Louis Donahoo peacefully passed away on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the age of eighty-six, at his own home in Lubbock, Texas, surrounded by his loving wife and family. Wendell was a quiet, gentle man who made a life's work of caring for those he loved.

He was blessed to spend 63 years with his wife, Margie, as they built a family that extends to four generations. Wendell met the love of his life while attending Howard Payne University. He was a frequent visitor to the Brownwood corner drugstore where he would order "extra thick" chocolate milkshakes from the lovely waitress, Margie. After courting for three years, they were married in 1960.

While their married life began in Brownwood, he spent most of his life in Lubbock, Texas. Wendell worked for the department store, Levine's, in various locations across Texas, and retired multiple times before finally retiring from the from the Broadway Levine's location. He was well known by the downtown Lubbock business community as a man with integrity and a strong work ethic. While he was a dedicated, hard-working man, his top priority was always family. He taught his three daughters two valuable lessons with the phrase, "There is a reason why I get a paycheck to come to work." First that that you must earn what you get, and second, to know your value.

Wendell was an avid sports fan - with his beloved Texas Tech Red Raiders always his #1 team, and the Cowboys in second place, depending on their performance that season! With sports, it did not matter if it was basketball,

football, or baseball season, he was cheering for Texas Tech, and loved nothing more than a victory over the Longhorns. His passion for basketball in particular has been shared across all generations - and has created so many great memories to cherish.

His other favorite activity was reading - which he has also passed on to his family. He was a regular visitor to the Lubbock Public Libraries and enjoyed a trip to the library on a weekly basis to indulge this delight. There was never a time when he did not have two or three books on his nightstand table.

Wendell is survived by his wife, Margie Donahoo and his three daughters, Debbie Saller (Bill), Sheryl Tompkins (Lynn) and Carol Voit (Mike). Also mourning their loss are the grandchildren, Jennifer Kizziah (Daniel), Garrett Tompkins, Ethan Voit (Olivia), Kellin Tompkins (Payton) and Emma Voit, as well as four great-children, Adelaide, Eli, Elizabeth, and Asher Kizziah. A man of quiet faith, his life demonstrates "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7.

Wendell will be memorialized with a graveside service at the Greenleaf cemetery in Brownwood, Texas at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28th.

Cemetery Details

Greenleaf Cemetery

HWY 377
Brownwood, TX 76801

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 28. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM.

Greenleaf Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of Wendell Donahoo.*



July 27, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wendell Donahoo.*



July 26, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wendell Donahoo.*



July 26, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Mom and Dads 61st Anniversary champaign toast!*



Shiryl Tompkins - July 25, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wendell Donahoo.*



July 25, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wendell Donahoo.*



July 25, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendell Donahoo.*



July 25, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Wendell Donahoo*



Shiryl Tompkins - July 24, 2023 at 06:55 PM

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Wendell was a favorite uncle to me. He was always so helpful when he worked at Levine's to make sure I was dressed right when we got new clothes for Easter, or any occasion. And I still have the single shot .22 rifle that belonged to his dad that he gave me when I was probably still too young to own a gun, but he wanted the oldest grandson his parents to have it. And he took good care of his mother, "Nanny" to us grandkids as long as she lived. A life well-lived. He will be missed!

Bryan Donahoo - July 26, 2023 at 11:39 AM