



Duane Thomas Lindly

March 4, 1954 - January 12, 2025

Duane Thomas Lindly, a beloved educator, coach, and mentor, passed away on January 12th, 2025 at the age of 70. Known for his unwavering dedication to shaping young minds, Duane served in education for 27 years, 23 of those years as a history teacher at Boswell High School where his passion for education left an indelible mark on countless students.

As he liked to say, born on the third month, fourth day of 1954, Duane grew up with a love for sports and hard work. His mantra in life was “you have two good arms and two good legs, so you have nothing to complain about,” and that would help him overcome obstacles that some would consider a setback. Overcoming those obstacles, he graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1977, a place where he cultivated his passion for history and prepared for a lifetime of teaching and mentoring.

It took time for him to become a full-time teacher, but with the help of some lifelong friends he eventually began his route in education by overseeing ISS at Antlers Public Schools. In 1990 he was hired at Boswell Public Schools, a place where he would work the remainder of his educational career and, at various times, as a coach for both the baseball and girls' softball teams at Boswell High.

His leadership and encouragement taught his players the values of teamwork,

perseverance, and sportsmanship—lessons that extended far beyond the field.

Duane will be remembered not only for his commitment to family, God, and country, but also for his humor, dedication, and genuine care for his students and colleagues. He believed in the potential of every student and worked tirelessly to ensure their success, leaving a legacy of kindness and commitment that will live on in the lives he touched.

In his later years, he strived to meet the core principles of Masonry, which are brotherhood, charity, and service. His commitment to these ideals was evident in his involvement with local initiatives and in his constant willingness to lend a helping hand to others. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion, integrity, and a deep sense of duty to both his Masonic brothers and his local community

He is preceded in death by his father, Chaves E. Lindly, mother Cecile M. Lindly, and brother Richard Lindly.

He is survived by his sons Jay Chaves and Jon Allen, along with his sisters Youlynda Box, Durynda Bachelor, Belinda Boucher, and brother Mark Lindly. Other survivors include the mother of his sons, Anita Johnson, a grandson, Thomas Jay Lindly, and a goddaughter, Chelsea Burns, as well as three nieces and five nephews and a host of lifelong friends, colleagues, and former students who mourn his loss and celebrate his life.

Funeral services will be held at Boswell High School Gymnasium in Boswell, Oklahoma on Friday, January 17, 2025 at 1 p.m. with interment to follow at the Joe Slater Memorial Cemetery in Wright City, OK, a final resting place where family, friends, and members of the community will gather to honor Duane's remarkable life and legacy.

Duane's family will greet friends from 5-7 PM on Thursday, Jan. 16, at Brown's Funeral Home in Durant.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Duane's memory to Shriners Hospital for Children or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Such donations would have made Duane smile because supporting care for children was a cause that was close to his heart.

Duane Thomas Lindly will be deeply missed by family, friends, colleagues, and former students, but his impact will continue to resonate for years to come through the many lives he touched.

Online condolences may be sent to Duane's family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/TJWCPKH9PDK53Q8Q>

Cemetery Details

Joe Slater Memorial Cemetery

772 E. 2nd St.
Wright City, OK 74766

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
(580) 920-0393
info@brownsfuneralservice.com
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Boswell High School gymnasium
604 7th St.
Boswell, OK 74727

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Thomas Lindly*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 16, 2025 at 03:01 PM

LC

Duane Lindly was a very tall man in everything but height. He was one of the very best teachers, educating, guiding, encouraging, loving his students, loving and caring for family and friends, in generosity, loved watching him enjoy bidding against Guy and others for pies and cakes at the Masonic Lodge Benefits to help anyone in need, coaching and supporting and enjoying Baseball, softball, basketball games and all student activities, in loving, serving and sharing about His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and countless other things. Yes, He was a very tall man. a blessing wherever he happened to be. Love, Linda, Jerry and Mark Combrink

Linda Combrink - January 17, 2025 at 11:42 AM

SE

I grew up with Duece, and his whole family, Youlynda and I are best friends, and my kids dad and duece were great friends and graduated together, so so sorry for his passing, and I pray he was surrounded by family. Love Syluvia and Les Ellison

Syluvia Ellison - January 20, 2025 at 07:46 PM

LF

“ Our sincere condolences to Jay, Jon and their families. What a positive impression he made on so many students and others that were touched by his life!



Larry & Pat Finch - January 16, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Always loved this guy a neighbor all of my life a
And school buds love @ prayers



Terri Beck Walters - January 15, 2025 at 11:00 PM

TB

“ Not only was he my teacher, coach, an drivers Ed teacher, but he was my Grandpa's best friend an fishing buddy too. He looked out for me all the time in an out of school an never failed to tell me how my grandpa would have been proud of me.

We had the best times with Mr. Lindly!

We were all his kids! ❤️❤️

Now him an my grandpa are reunited in heaven telling fishing stories. ☐☐ 😊😊



Tracie Banks - January 15, 2025 at 02:25 PM

Annie Ware

Mr. Lindley taught my sons and I met him while teaching my oldest son, first I liked him, then I learned to respect him then love him because of his love for the school and the students he taught. I will forever look for him in his chair at basketball games

Annie Ware - January 15, 2025 at 09:00 PM

TH

“ The Halcomb's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Duane Thomas Lindly.



The Halcomb's - January 15, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Lindly.



January 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane Thomas Lindly.

January 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM

CB

“ Caleb & Michelle Brown purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Duane Thomas Lindly.



Caleb & Michelle Brown - January 14, 2025 at 10:16 PM

CB

“ Caleb & Michelle Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Lindly.

Caleb & Michelle Brown - January 14, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Lindly.



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MA

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Matilda - January 14, 2025 at 04:45 PM