



Joe Mac Maxson

August 23, 1939 - January 12, 2017

Joe Mac Maxson , 77 of Durant, Oklahoma, passed from this earth in Denison, Texas on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Joe was born on August 23, 1939 in Haywood, Oklahoma to Clyde Alva Maxson and Geneva Bess (Lee) Maxson. He married the love of his life Ruth Elizabeth Barrett on June 17, 1962 in Coalgate, Oklahoma. Joe and Ruth had three sons, Joe Barrett, Stephen Lee, and Brian Jeffory Maxson.

Joe grew up on a farm at Indianola, Oklahoma. He graduated from high school at Harrah, Oklahoma then attended Oklahoma State University where he received three degrees, including a doctorate in Agricultural Education. He was employed by the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service. Joe came to Durant in 1965 where he served as the 4-H agent for Bryan County. They moved to Washington County in 1972 where he also served as the 4-H agent. Following this he returned to Oklahoma State University to pursue his doctorate, after which he entered the Horticulture Department as a Youth Specialist. Joe developed and produced the Oklahoma Gardening television program and was the host for the show's first two years. He returned to Durant in 1985 as the County Ag Agent, then served as Southeast District Horticulturalist until his retirement.

Joe was active in the The Oklahoma and National Junior Horticulture Associations (NJHA) attending state and national meetings, providing

leadership and helping young people attend the meetings and develop into state and national officers and leaders. Upon retirement from Oklahoma State University Joe worked as the National Junior Horticulture Association secretary for many years.

Joe loved horticulture and always had a backyard greenhouse. Thirty years ago Joe decided he wanted to take up woodcarving in order to carve ducks. Since then, he has become known for his hand-carved ducks and Santas.

Joe loved the people of southeastern Oklahoma. He loved Lake Texoma and spent many of his hours fishing with friends and family members.

Joe was a faithful member of the Northwest Church of Christ in Durant, where he served over time as both a deacon and an elder. Joe also served as a deacon for the Stillwater Church of Christ. Joe always worked with the church youth group as well as taking part in benevolence work.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Ruth; two sons - Stephen of Durant and Brian and wife Janeva of Woodbridge, Virginia; and three grandchildren - Tacie of Atoka, Oklahoma, Brantley and wife Amanda of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Brayden of Woodbridge, Virginia, and one great-granddaughter - Addison Paige of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

He is also survived by step-mother Juanita Maxson of McAlester, Oklahoma; sister Georgia (Maxson) Bohannon-Cagle and brother-in-law John Cagle of Sulphur, Oklahoma; sister Norma (Maxson) Littleton and brother-in-law Gary Littleton of Washita Point, Oklahoma; Sister-in-law Arden Barrett of Oklahoma City; Nephew Kendall Bohannon of Denver, Colorado; Niece Janna (Bohannon) Taylor and husband David Taylor of Arlington, Texas; Nephew Andrew "Andy" Littleton and wife Stephanie Littleton of Edmond, Oklahoma; Nephew Eric Littleton and wife Marcie Littleton of Flower Mound, Texas; Niece

Sabrina Dunlop and husband of Oklahoma City; Niece Tara Petroll and husband Matt of Dallas, Texas; Nephew Brac Barrett and wife Joncee of Oklahoma City; Nephew Brett Bailey and wife Kari of Oklahoma City; Nephew Brent Bailey and wife Heather of Round Rock, Texas; Nephew Barrett Bailey of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Great-nephews Drew Littleton and wife Chelsie Littleton, Zachary Taylor and wife Nicolette Taylor, Nathan S. Taylor, Solomon Littleton, Isaac Littleton, Trevor Taylor, Jared Petroll, Jackson Petroll, Jett Petroll, Brock Bailey, Chance Bailey and Jude Bailey; Great-nieces Desirae (Littleton) Garrett and husband Logan Garrett, Mekala Littleton, Grace Littleton, Audrey Taylor, Mia Barrett, Olivia Barrett, Emma Barrett, Kayla Bailey, Emma Bailey; and great-great-nephew Roman Garrett.

Joe was preceded in death by his son Joe Barrett Maxson; his parents Clyde and Geneva Maxson; Brothers-in-law Lynn Bohannon, Paul Barrett and Bill Bailey; and sister-in-law Betty Bailey.

Family Hours will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16. Services will be Tuesday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Northwest Church of Christ in Durant. Interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Armstrong.

Online Condolences can be made to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Armstrong, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Mac Maxson*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Joe was a person of his word. He was a bank customer of mine years ago and was of the finest character--first class! Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a fine man!*

Betsy Wright - January 25, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ *Was so saddened to learn of Joe's passing. I considered him a good friend and former colleague with OSU Extension. Fondly remember us both loading up the OSU station wagon with plants and props to travel over to OETA studio to record an OK Gardening Show . I am the proud recipient of four of his wood carvings. Our prayers are with Ruth and the rest of the family as he enters his heavenly home. Ray Campbell*

ray campbell - January 16, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *In Bryan County I worked with Joe Maxon and Ruth Maxon. They were good Christian people and loved the youth. Both worked hard for youth and also the adults of Bryan County. My husband Cliff knew Joe as a youth in Pittsburgh County. Our prayers are with the family--sending many prayers their way!!*

Cliff and Joy Smith Jones - January 16, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe Mac Maxson.*



January 16, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joe Mac Maxson.*



January 15, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *Joe was a good man, every year he paid for my daughter to attend church camp, he knew we couldn't afford it, just simply did it with no fanfare, always a good word for everyone he met, kind caring. An example of a good husband, like no other man I've ever met,*

charlotte mashburn - January 14, 2017 at 08:33 AM