



## Neil Mackey

June 26, 1960 - March 13, 2025

Robert “Neil” Mackey was born on June 26, 1960 in Sayre, Oklahoma to Dale Mackey and Evelyn Plummer Mackey. He entered eternal rest on March 13, 2025 at the age of 64.

Neil farmed and worked in the oil field before attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He received his bachelor’s degree in accounting and moved to Dallas, where (after the suggestion of a dear, persistent aunt) he met his wife, Deena. They married in 1988.

For the past seven years, Neil served as an elder at the Coleman Church of Christ. He cared deeply for his church family, often serving others in quiet ways: a visit, phone call, or passing out gum to kids at church. He lived out his faith in Christ through his impeccable character, dedication to God’s Word, and a love for people, especially children and the overlooked.

Neil was known by many as the kindest person they had ever met. He kept a list of his projects that never seemed to grow shorter, because tasks for others always took precedence. Without being asked, he was constantly making repairs for others, brush-hogging someone’s pasture with his tractor, taking kids for adventures in the woods, and ensuring that there was plenty of ice at every family and church event. While Neil never inserted himself, he left an unmistakable mark on every situation by serving before others even

recognized a need.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Deena; his daughter Aubrey Danser and her husband Jordan of Fort Smith, Arkansas; his son Jared Mackey and his wife Jamie of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and his granddaughter Joanlee Mackey. He also leaves behind two brothers, Chris Mackey and his wife Peggy, of Sayre, Oklahoma, and Larry Mackey and his wife Carla, of Weatherford, Oklahoma, father-in-law Aubry "Don" Willingham of Coleman, Oklahoma, brother-in-law Larry Hand of Weatherford, Oklahoma and a further host of in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends, who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Evelyn Mackey; his mother-in-law, LaRue Willingham; his brother, Carl Mackey; his sister, Alice Hand; and his niece, Danna Tadlock.

Family visitation and viewing will be 6:00pm-8:00pm on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at the Coleman Church of Christ. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025, at the Coleman High School Gymnasium with David Earl Minson officiating. Interment will follow in Enterprise Cemetery with Jared Mackey, Grant McDaniel, Tommy Sharp, Thomas Seidel, Cody Willingham, and Jeff Willingham serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Mackey, Larry Mackey, Joe Willingham, and Jim Willingham. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Church of Christ India, Church of Christ Nigeria, or Church of Christ Belize.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Enterprise Cemetery in Johnston County

Enterprise Rd  
Coleman, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Church of Christ on Hwy 48  
6900 OK-48  
Coleman, OK 73432  
(580) 367-2796

## Funeral Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Coleman High School Gymnasium  
201 W. 15th Street  
Coleman, OK 73432

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ I just wanted to convey my deepest sympathy to Neil's family and friends. We went to school together in Sayre and he truly was the nicest guy. Prayers for you all.  
Merry

Merry Gullede Gaddy - March 20, 2025 at 08:45 PM

TS

“ Neil was a remarkable man...a compassionate, virtuous & brilliantly intelligent soul. His presence enriched our lives & his legacy will continue to inspire us all. Those who had the privilege of working with him & knowing him were profoundly blessed. Neil Mackey is forever in our hearts & forever a part of our Cross Timbers Hospice Family!

Tammie Lynn Seely - March 19, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CS

“ Cross Timbers Hospice, Tammie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Mackey.

Cross Timbers Hospice, Tammie S. - March 19, 2025 at 11:17 AM

VC

“ Valley Church of Christ purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Neil Mackey.



Valley Church of Christ - March 16, 2025 at 02:20 PM

VC

“ Valley Church of Christ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Mackey.

Valley Church of Christ - March 16, 2025 at 02:20 PM

LF

“ Life Fellowship Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Neil Mackey.



Life Fellowship Family - March 16, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Neil Mackey.



March 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM



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

March 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

TR

“ I have the honor of serving on the Cross Timbers Hospice Board of Directors. I've come into contact with Neil numerous times, most recently this past Thursday. He was always professional, kind, and seemed to enjoy wearing a smile that made others want to smile as well. My family and I are praying for you all as we cannot even begin to understand this immeasurable loss. There is only peace in knowing what a great legacy he leaves with you all and that he is resting in the arms of our Lord.

*Trey Rateliff*

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**Trey Rateliff** - March 15, 2025 at 11:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Neil Mackey.



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March 15, 2025 at 08:34 PM

ZF

“ Zach & Alyssa Price & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Neil Mackey.



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**Zach & Alyssa Price & Family** - March 15, 2025 at 04:30 PM

DR

“ Such a great friend growing up  
Prayers for family

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**Darla Ringo** - March 15, 2025 at 04:02 PM

RA

“ To the Mackey family: Neil was in the first class I taught/sponsored at SHS—a wonderful bunch in which he was a standout. Smart, congenial, and witty. I’m so grateful to have known him and so sorry for your loss.

Ruth Atterberry - March 15, 2025 at 12:56 PM

TG

He was a wonderful student in biology class. So sorry to hear about his death. My sympathy to the family  
Treva Graham MD

Treva Graham - March 15, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Neil Mackey.



March 15, 2025 at 11:15 AM



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

March 15, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Neil Mackey.



March 15, 2025 at 11:11 AM



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

March 15, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ Chuck &Lyndy Riley purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Neil Mackey.



Chuck &Lyndy Riley - March 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ Chuck &Lyndy Riley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Mackey.

Chuck &Lyndy Riley - March 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM