



Donald "Big Daddy" Wayt

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Donald Floyd Wayt “Big Daddy” was born July 24, 1954 to Duane and Reva Allen Wayt in Longview, TX and moved to Heaven on July 3, 2021.

He was a 1972 graduate of White Oak High School and played football for the Roughnecks all four years. He was selected All-State in football and was a member of the 1972 Track and Field State Champion Team where he threw the shot put.

After high school he began a professional wrestling career. He wrestled world-wide and obtained numerous titles including Pacific Coast Heavy Weight Champion, Pacific Coast Tag Team Champion and Canadian Tag Team Title. In March of 1975, while wrestling in Amarillo, TX, he met the love of his life Darlene Proffitt and they married after only 9 days.

In 1998, he began 20+ years as Chaplain at the Billy Moore Correctional Facility in Overton, TX. Don’s gentle spirit could look beyond a man’s past mistakes and encourage him to achieve his dreams and goals.

Upon retirement from corrections, he moved back to his beloved White Oak where he had the privilege to work and coach at his alma mater. This was a dream come true- coaching football on the same field where he played his high school career. Anyone who knew Don knew he loved his Roughnecks and Friday nights were always centered around Roughneck Stadium.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Syndi.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Darlene, daughter and son in law, Stephanie and Bill Frazier of White Oak, his granddaughter, Miranda, his grandson, Caleb, and his step-grandson Josh. Don is also survived by his brother in law Wayne Proffitt of Memphis, TX; sister in law and husband Debbie and Ron Teague of Union Grove, TX; sister in law and husband Sherry and Bob Tribble of Memphis, TX; aunts June Perryman, Peggy Jo Schroder, Pat Wayt, and Shirley Wayt; 12 nieces and nephews; numerous cousins, friends, players, and students.



Obituary

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Visitation will be Friday, July 9, 2021 from 6-8pm at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. A home going celebration will be held Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 10 am at LifeBridge Christian Center in Longview Pastor Tom McDaniels and Pastor Tracy Harris officiating. The family is asking everyone to wear their WO gear (maroon grey and white) and celebrate the "power of WO".

In lieu of flowers the family is asking for donations to be made in Don's name to White Oak FCA. Please send to White Oak ISD and reference White Oak ISD-FCA. For more information, please contact Superintendent Brian Gray at grayb@woisd.net.



Events

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Visitation


 **Friday**, July 9, 2021

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601

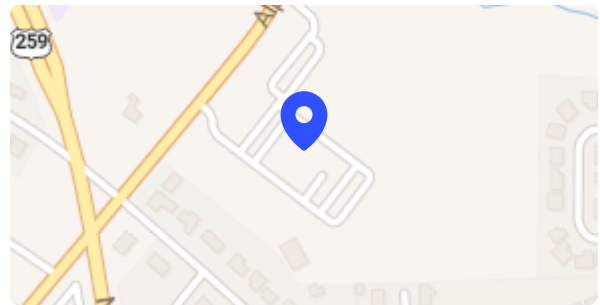


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, July 10, 2021

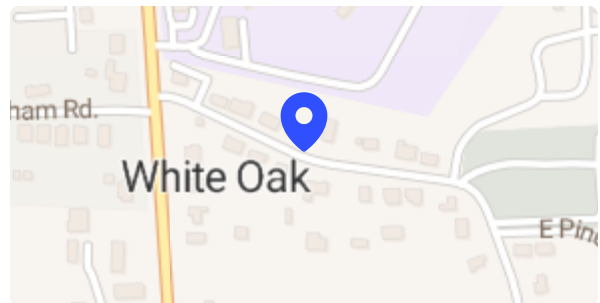
 10:00 AM CT

 **Lifebridge Christian Center**
2022 Alpine Rd., Longview TX



Cemetery Details

 **White Oak Cemetery old**
400 E. Bingham, White Oak TX





Tribute Wall

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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



July 8 at 11:16 AM



Robert Myers July 11 at 8:54 AM

In 1974 Don helped me recognize the importance of Jesus' in my life. Haven't seen him in years but never forgot Don. Funny I was thinking about that time and The big guy in church about a month ago... A good. good man...



Garrett Stith posted:

Loved talking wrestling with this man. I remember my junior year when KLTV did a story on him and they asked me about him and I said "Coach Wayt??? Oh you're talking about BIG DADDY!!!" This man was a true saint and was always there to talk whenever you needed. I worked at the prison he used to chaplain at, and the inmates who unfortunately where still there 4 years after his departure talked very highly of him and how they turned their lives around all because of him.

August 5 at 3:47 AM



Steve Bray January 23 at 6:27 PM

Worked at Billy Moore Correctional Center from 2014-2015 and in that short span of time became friends with him and we used to talk about his wrestling career.



Bobby Hawthorne posted:

I can't remember ever seeing Don frown, even after I tackled him, and he slid on wet grass into the practice field goal post, gashing his leg and sending him to the hospital. When I went up to see him and apologize, he was smiling and laughing. He and I worked the East Texas wrestling circuit for Leonard Clay, and I later worked as an assistant pipe-fitter for his dad. He had a gentle, sweet, beautiful soul. — Bobby Hawthorne

July 13 at 12:49 PM



Donna Brantley posted:

Don was always happy to see you and love his family loved the White Oak School, and all his friends. Never met a stranger. Will miss seeing his face PRAYERS for you all in the family DonnaBrantley

July 9 at 5:39 PM



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DS

Dale Silvertooth posted:

I am so sorry for your loss but we know he's rejoicing in heaven. It was a joy knowing Don through junior high and high school. He "rang" my bell many times during football practice. He was such a good man

July 9 at 3:43 PM

RL

Rodney Lambert posted:

I remember most of all of how you could always depend on Don to be there if you needed him. He truly loved the Lord Yeshua with all his heart. In one of the most trying times of my life when Pastor Jim Kennedy passed into the arms of Jesus, he was there to provide stability to our and his leadership to keep us going. I remember him always as a true man I'd God and now he sees Yeshua as He is for he is like Him. Don didn't die, he only shed that broken corruptible body for an incorruptible eternal body and walks with Jesus for evermore. Praise be to God for receiving Pastor Don Wayt into every lasting life. We love you Don and we will miss you, but we rejoice in the knowledge that you are at home at last.

July 9 at 12:20 PM

TD

Tanya Dowd July 9 at 2:13 PM

Don has been there for me so many times I can't even count on my fingers. He was the one who performed my son Jonathan & his wife Margo's marriage. He has been a counselor to me many times when I was going through personal crisis in 25 years or more. He took time to listen & never judged but told you like it was. I will miss him so much but have great peace knowing he is with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. You are in your heavenly home now. Tell my husband, Dr. Loyd Dowd, I miss him still & one day I will see him soon. He thought so highly of you & said many times you were "one of a kind & were so sincere & wise" in your thinking. He did listen & paid attention to you!



Ron Mcolin posted:

My deepest sympathies and prayers to all the family of a truly good, caring and giving man whose life touched so many. Ronnie Screws (McOlin)

July 9 at 8:23 AM



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Kim Rasor posted:

Darlene, this video is truly a beautiful tribute to Chap. He had a huge smile and a larger than life personality that will be missed by many. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jock & Kim Rasor

July 9 at 7:26 AM



Tootsie Watson, Angel Watson Kuite And Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wayt family.



July 8 at 10:09 PM



Randy Brint posted:

Our condolences to Darlene, Stephanie, and his family. Don was a good man, and he will be missed in White Oak. Randy and Dee Brint

July 8 at 8:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Wayt family.



July 8 at 12:09 PM



Richard Smith lit a candle in honor of Donald.

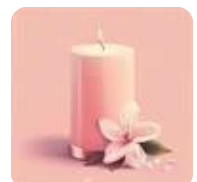
My condolences to Don's family. We are praying for you. Richard Smith



July 8 at 9:21 AM



Leeann Fleming lit a candle in honor of Donald.



July 8 at 6:21 AM



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Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Wayt family.



July 7 at 9:58 AM



Kenneth Ratley posted:

Don was one of my best friends at White Oak High. He always happy and treated everyone the same. I remember buying a car from him when worked at the Chevy house.

July 6 at 8:15 AM



Mike Gilbert posted:

Don Wayt loved Jesus, his family and all things White Oak Roughnecks! What a privilege it was to work with him and witness his positive influence on our young people (and me). I'm a better person for having known Coach Don Wayt. What a comfort to know he is at rest in the arms of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. Mike Gilbert

July 5 at 12:15 PM



Alana Evans lit a candle in honor of Donald.



July 5 at 10:42 AM



Lynan Day posted:

Dearest Stephanie and Mom: I am so heartsick for your loss. White Oak has lost its greatest gift and asset. Don was able to touch the hearts and lives of kids and adults and to share his faith like no other. I remember his smile and big laugh! He was a wonderful Christian man. Love, hugs, and prayers! Lynan Day

July 5 at 7:21 AM



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Dixie Duncan lit a candle in honor of Donald.

July 3 at 6:02 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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