



Edward Tackett

August 22, 1945 - June 28, 2025

Edward Otho Tackett, Jr. was born on Wednesday, August 22, 1945, in Patuxent River, Maryland, the son of Otho and Ruth (Black) Tackett, Sr. He passed from this life on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas. He was 79 years of age.

Ed graduated as valedictorian from Havana High School in Havana, Arkansas, in 1963. He earned a bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Arkansas and later completed a master's degree in School Administration from Southern Nazarene University.

On April 18, 1964, Ed married the love of his life, Mary Lanelle Hood. His second great love was music. Though he began his career teaching high school choir, Ed spent the majority of his 39 years at Union Public Schools as the Director of Fine Arts. Under his leadership, the program grew to serve more than 10,000 students across the district. After retiring from Union, he continued to champion music education by helping grow the Tulsa Symphony's educational outreach program for the next decade.

In addition to education, Ed also served as choir director at Broken Arrow Assembly and Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church. His passion for choir music never waned... not even during retirement. His final choir rehearsals and performances were held between rounds of chemotherapy. Even during his time at M.D. Anderson, Ed found a piano in the hospital lobby and played for fellow patients and their families.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 14, at The

Assembly at Broken Arrow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Ed's honor to the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra Educational Outreach.

Ed is survived by:

Wife

Lanelle Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Children

Chuck (Ann) Tackett – Haslet, TX

Stephen Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

David (Allison) Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Shelly (Darcy) Veer – Haslet, TX

Grandchildren

Josh (Casey) Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Chas Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Ben Miner – Tulsa, OK

Rachel (Ben) Miller – [City], CA

Alexandra (Joe) Vincent – Oklahoma City, OK

James Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Chloe Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Kaylee Veer – Haslet, TX

Sophie Veer – Haslet, TX

Zack Veer – Haslet, TX

Cooper Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Great-Grandchild

Cameron Tackett – Broken Arrow, OK

Siblings

John (Deborah) Tackett – Arkadelphia, AR

Rebekah (Robert) Hill – Spiro, OK

Judy (Dennis) Anglen – Farmington, AR

Karen (Chuck) Miller – Kansas City, MO

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otho and Ruth Tackett.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Viewing

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Assembly
3500 W. New Orleans
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 251-8591
<http://www.theassembly.org>

Tribute Wall



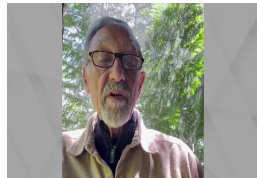
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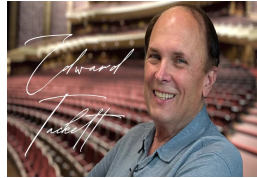
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DR

“ My father was a pastor and moved our family to Tulsa, at the end of my Sophomore year of High School. I was enrolled at Union High School in 1979, and my elective was the choral choir, where I had the privilege of learning so much from Mr Ed Tackett. I remember our first day, and he asked if there was any one who could play the piano. I slowly raised my hand as I was not a proficient piano player, but Mr Tackett always showed kindness when I would make a mistake. When I was able to move back to Broken Arrow almost 4 years ago, I was pleased to see him & meet his sweet wife at church! I look back with gratitude of what he taught me, his patience, and kindness to all who were willing to be in that choral group, which helped me in my years as Music Director in my church! ❤️ A couple of years ago, The Assembly has a group that meets once a month, FOREVER YOUNG, and I was pleased to have gotten a picture with Mr Tackett & Lana Yates, who was my English Teacher. I have been praying for comfort for all of the family as this is a great loss, but keeping your eyes on Jesus, this is only a temporary separation! Dianne Ramay



Dianne Ramay - July 13, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JA

“ Ed is my big brother. Lots of good memories. Before he began treatment at MD Anderson, we five siblings met in their lovely home, with Lanelle as the gracious hostess. We had a wonderful dinner. There were lots of laughs and also tears. Thank you, Ed and Lanelle for a time we will treasure forever.



Judy Tackett Anglen - July 08, 2025 at 09:45 PM

CB

“ I enjoyed the 4 years I had in Select Choir at Union. Mr Tackett would run us through warm ups and into the music. We sang Popular songs to Intricate comWhen they decided we needed end of semester tests, he got creative. One semester, all the answers were "blue".



Cheryl Ridley Blackburn - July 08, 2025 at 11:47 AM

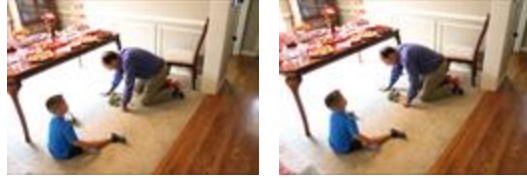
MJ

“ Simply one of the best! I will miss your wit, Ed! Maybe the Lord will set you up with a choir of angels to direct in heaven!

Mike Jarnagin - July 07, 2025 at 12:57 PM

GN

“ At my Mom’s 80th birthday party my grandson wanted someone to play *Monster Trucks* with him. Ed got down on the floor and played trucks with him. This was such a special moment and a memory I will not forget. Ed’s legacy will live on.



Ginger Nichols - July 06, 2025 at 09:11 PM

PP

“ Ed was a true treasure to the students and his fellow employees at *Union Public Schools*. He was a true professional in all he did and brought forth the ultimate talent of our students to the big stage. His support for the ARTS will be second to none as *YOUTHARTS* was a respected event in the area. What a spectacle. As a teacher and principal, I loved being to experience in our district through his magic. I know for certain with ED being a strong man of GOD, that he will putting together a glorious choir and art display in the Heavens above. Later ED....KEEP SMILING...

Patti Pitcock - July 06, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JW

“ We had the honor of meeting Ed and Lanelle through our son-in-law, Josh. In fact, he officiated their wedding in 2018. It was an honor to have Josh's Granddad officiate Casey and Josh's wedding. Chris and I think the world of Ed and Lanelle. What an influence he has been not only in the community but in his family and as a man of God. This is something that we have admired more than anything. Ed will be greatly missed.



Jo Weber - July 05, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Tackett.



July 03, 2025 at 12:34 PM



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

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LK

“ Love, Allen, Ginger and Kay purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Edward Tackett.



Love, Allen, Ginger and Kay - July 02, 2025 at 04:50 PM

LK

“ Love, Allen, Ginger and Kay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Tackett.

Love, Allen, Ginger and Kay - July 02, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KH

“ Kari & Randy Hendrix planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Tackett.

Kari & Randy Hendrix - July 01, 2025 at 08:25 PM

BF

“ Bob & Cindy Miner and family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Edward Tackett.



Bob & Cindy Miner and family - July 01, 2025 at 06:03 PM

BF

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Bob & Cindy Miner and family - July 01, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DG

“ Daughters of the King (Bunco group) purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Edward Tackett.



Daughters of the King (Bunco group) - July 01, 2025 at 04:35 PM

DG

“ Daughters of the King (Bunco group) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Tackett.

Daughters of the King (Bunco group) - July 01, 2025 at 04:35 PM

SM

“ Dear Tackett family, thank you so much for sharing Mr. Tackett with all the students at Union High School. As one of his Choralette's, I was so blessed to have him as a teacher and friend. He had such a sunny disposition and I always knew he loved what he did for a living. We should all be so blessed.

Please accept my condolences and prayers. God bless you all richly,
Shawn Meister
Class of 1980

Shawn D Meister - July 01, 2025 at 03:58 PM

SD

“ Shawn D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Tackett.

Shawn D. - July 01, 2025 at 03:54 PM

SU

“ There are more memories of Ed (or Eddie as he was known in the small town of Havana, AR where his father pastored for many, many years.) than there is room for. God blessed Ed with so much talent and winning personality. Loved Ed and the whole Tackett family.

Sharon Burrows Underwood - July 01, 2025 at 01:26 PM

HH

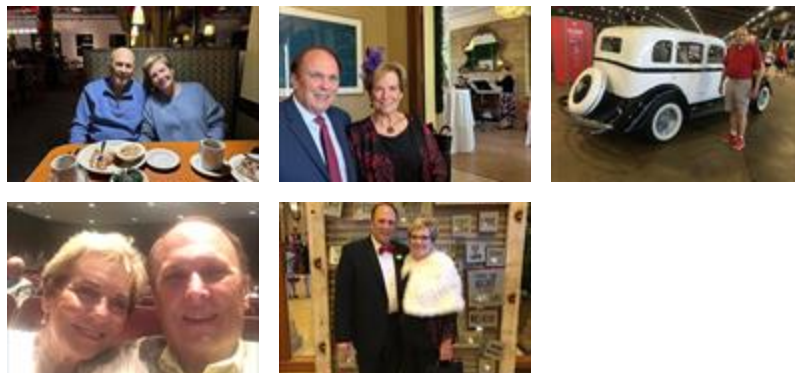
“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Tackett family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Ed.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 05:38 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 11:07 AM

DL

*Ed, we will look forward to be in your choir in heaven some day. Lavern enjoyed playing the piano for you . Thank you Ed for your service.
Don and Lavern Love*

Don Love - July 03, 2025 at 11:23 AM