



Joe Robinson

June 24, 1927 - December 3, 2017

Services honoring the life of Joe Wayne Robinson will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2017 at First United Methodist Church, Broken Arrow. Burial will follow at Park Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family there to receive visitors on Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Joe was born on Friday, June 24, 1927 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to LJ and Ocia M. (Tucker) Robinson. Joe passed away on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the age of 90.

Joe attended Broken Arrow High School where he played football under Coach Ragsdale. After graduation, Joe enlisted and served his country in the United States Navy. He continued his education and earned a Master's degree in Education from Pittsburg State University. Joe returned to his beloved Broken Arrow School system and became Coach Ragsdale's assistant coach and in 1954 was named Broken Arrow High School's Head Coach, leading his team to an undefeated season, plus winning four straight conference championships.

After retiring from coaching, Joe held various positions at Broken Arrow Schools including high school counselor, assistant principal and athletic director from 1965-1969. He then made a move to accept a position as

principal at Wagoner High School from 1969-1974. In 1974 Joe made the move back to his hometown and accepted the position as Broken Arrow High School principal. While he was principal, Broken Arrow became Oklahoma's largest high school. Joe retired from the long career in education in 1988. Joe's career and achievements were honored by his induction into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994 and Broken Arrow High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. Broken Arrow Schools have installed a marker to honor Joe and his contributions and accomplishments to the school system.

On May 16, 1947 Joe married Patty Barnard in a Columbus, Kansas wedding. Their union was blessed with three children. Joe was an amazing husband, father and grandfather. He adored his family and loved spending time with them. Joe was an outdoorsman and loved being out in nature. He could often be found working out in his yard or caring for his beloved animals. Joe was a member of First United Methodist Church, Broken Arrow.

Memorials may be made to Broken Arrow Community Foundation, Inc., Joe Robinson Scholarship Fund, 2720 N. Hemlock Court, Ste. B, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Joe is survived by,

Wife, Patty Robinson, Broken Arrow, OK

Children, Mike Robinson, Broken Arrow, OK

Patty A. Spriggs and Dan, Broken Arrow, OK

Shelly Tucker and fiancé Jim Slaven, Lafayette, IN

Grandchildren, Bryan and Stacy Spriggs, Owasso, OK

Kacy Oltmann and Corey, Mustang, OK

Trent Tucker, Lafayette, IN

Kyle Tucker, Lafayette, IN

Elizabeth Claxton and Matt, Linden, IN

Jared Slaven and Molly, Lafayette, IN

Molly Slaven, Lafayette, IN

Grace Slaven, Lafayette, IN

Great Grandchildren, Kennedy and Hayden Spriggs, Jayden and Samuel

Oltmann, Kail and Grayson Slaven

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Jack Robinson.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
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Funeral Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church
112 E. College Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Robinson*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM

MS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. My heart breaks for his family as they miss him, but I rejoice that he is no longer in pain and awaits to greet them one day in their future in heaven.

As one of his many teachers at BAHS, I have MANY stories--now, wonderful memories--of Joe. I will retell two of them.

When I first interviewed with him, he led me to believe he was the janitor. We laughed and talked for sometime; then, he took me to "the principal's office" and closed the door on this office in the prefabs. Then, I heard he and his secretary just laugh and laugh. Then, he walked in, walked behind his desk and sat down. Then he looked at me and laughed. Right then, I knew I liked this man: he had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed his job. At this point in my career, I had had a few principals who were stand-offish, superiors, to their faculty: Not Joe. Later, as the interview was ending, Joe asked me what I expected from him. I told him I wanted him to be like God. He leaned back in his chair and said he had been compared to many, but never to God. He was intrigued and wanted to know more. I told him I wanted to know he was there, I could depend upon him, and he would support me, . . . but I don't want to see him IN my classroom. He laughed a laugh that shook his whole body. And then he told me I would be good for the prima donnas, his endearing name for the English dept.

A couple of years later, I got married over spring break. The Monday after break when class resumed, Joe Robinson found out about my wedding and came to my classroom, interrupting my class, wanting to know why he hadn't been invited. I told him no one from school had been invited; it was a small family wedding. He told me, "I'm family." And he meant it! And, for the rest of the year, nearly every time I passed Joe, he would sternly make a comment about "not being invited" and then wink at me. And that was Joe Robinson; he considered his faculty as part of his family.

I can honestly say, Joe Robinson was the best principal I have had

in the 32 years I taught school, the last 24 being at BAHS. His teachers knew he cared for them, respected them, and listened to them. He will be missed.

*Sincerely,
Marsha (Honeycutt) Scott*

Marsha Scott - December 08, 2017 at 02:04 PM

DD

“ *God bless your family. Coach Robinson was my high school principal at BAHS. What a great guy. He loved all of his students. I am thrilled he had such a long, well-lived life!*

Dianne Bresee Davis, BAHS Class of 1979

Dianne Davis - December 07, 2017 at 12:12 PM

MY

“ *Sending our deepest and most sincere sympathy.
Cherish the memories
Sending our love Shelly, Jim, and families Mike & Teresa Yocum*

Mike & Teresa Yocum - December 06, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joe Robinson.*



December 06, 2017 at 07:46 PM

J(

“ I have so many great memories of Joe especially when I was young, spending time with he and aunt Patty and all the cousins at the lake, I always thought he was bigger than life and you know what he was. My thoughts and prayers go out to Robinson family.

Rick Robertson

John Robertson (Rick) - December 06, 2017 at 07:22 PM

CT

“ Mr. Coach Joe Robinson, is better known to me as Papa. Kacy Spriggs Oltmann, my best friend and BA classmate (Class of '99), and Papa's ACTUAL granddaughter, shared him with many of us “adoptive's” and we are all better because of it! Thank you Kac!!!

After high school, college, marrying and moving to Germany, and eventually moving back to the states, our paths crossed while I was in town visiting. It had been easily ten plus years since I had even been in the same room with him. But that being said, in true Papa fashion, he knew all about what me, my husband, and my family had been up to.

After some small talk, he said that he see's my Great Uncle Dennie “Corky” Crawford often (Class of '55); mentioning briefly what a wrestler my 2nd cousin Bobby Crawford was, (class of '85)...he asked how my Papa Ray Crawford was (Class of '59), and if he still lived off Lynn Lane...and he asked how my brother James Ray Elam's fishing career was going, (Class of '05)...I was blown away!!!

I could not believe the memory on this man! I could not believe the lives he has touched just in MY family. There he sat, well into his 80's, and not only did he remember everyone and everything, but he also could recalled how these people all connect TO ME, and I was nobody but his granddaughters friend!? And he was able to do all this without Facebook, HA!!!

Last night, I read every one of the memories posted. And they all share the same message...Mr. Coach Joe Robinson aka Papa, showed us ALL how important to him we were. Whether, we were his student, his coworker, or a friend. We were worth him remembering. We were worth his effort, his time, and his memories.

There has never been such a cool dude; and I doubt there ever will be again!!! Thank you Papa Mr. Coach Joe Robinson, you will be forever loved and forever missed.

Casey Neely Tunnell - December 06, 2017 at 01:01 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Joe Robinson.* ”



December 06, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joe Robinson.* ”



December 06, 2017 at 06:32 AM



“ *Misty McGee Upshaw purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Joe Robinson.* ”



Misty McGee Upshaw - December 05, 2017 at 09:24 PM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name* ”



Bryan Spriggs - December 05, 2017 at 08:02 PM

NS

“ *Many fond memories of Joe Robinson. My condolences, he will be missed. With sympathies, Nick Schaefer*

Nick Schaefer - December 05, 2017 at 07:34 PM

SB

“ *Steve and Paula Barnett purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Joe Robinson.*



Steve and Paula Barnett - December 05, 2017 at 05:50 PM

CK

“ *I am indeed sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I was teaching Vocational Agriculture when Joe became Head Football Coach. We had a lot of good times together. He called me "Hog Kindell". Joe was about six weeks younger than I. I visited with him over the telephone not long ago and he seemed to be doing fine, suggesting that he might come by to see me when visiting friends in Pottsboro, a town near here.*

I extend my sympathy to the family and pray that the Good Lord will comfort you.

*Clyde Kindell
Denison, Texas*

Clyde Kindell - December 05, 2017 at 05:47 PM

TQ

“ Joe was my friend and principal at Broken Arrow Senior High School - a finer man or leader I've not known since. I wish more educators could have experienced his guidance, kindness and sense of humor. I will miss him. Teneece Quigley

Teneece Quigley - December 05, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Robinson.



December 05, 2017 at 10:48 AM

RJ

“ On a Sunday drive with girlfriend in highschool. Stopped on " one-way" bridge on 91 St (was in the country then) near Dutch's swimming pool. Was kissing my girlfriend and suddenly aware that a pickup truck was on my front bumper and behind the wheel, with a big grin was coach Joe. We had to back off the bridge and as coach drove slowly by, he said " glad to see your practicing" Ray Jackson (class 62)

Ray Jackson - December 05, 2017 at 10:24 AM

JW

“ Jack & Donna Sperry and Judy & Kirt Wingate purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe Robinson.



Jack & Donna Sperry and Judy & Kirt Wingate - December 04, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Robinson.*



December 04, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ *Mr Robinson was a great person and a great educator Class of 69*

kathy harp meadows - December 04, 2017 at 10:43 PM



“ *Elliott family, Robertson family and Johnson famil purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joe Robinson.*



Elliott family, Robertson family and Johnson famil -
December 04, 2017 at 10:17 PM



“ *my deepest prayers for this great man and his family...a loss to so many...he touched so many lives...for me a mentor and guide for my whole life...joe made my life better for his love and confidence in me...my prayers for his wonderful life and journey home..*

rick blackburn - December 04, 2017 at 09:59 PM

MH

“ He walked me down the aisle at my wedding in 1985 to my husband David Harrison! am blessed to know this family!

Micki Harrison - December 04, 2017 at 09:13 PM

MS

“ Micki Harrison, Pat Sims, Bob Sims, and Russ Sims purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Robinson.



Micki Harrison, Pat Sims, Bob Sims, and Russ Sims -
December 04, 2017 at 09:07 PM

CW

“ Dear family, your loved one was a wonderful influence at BA High School and all the community. I pray for God's spirit to comfort each of you as you face the days ahead.

Carol Sue Creekmore Willcutt
class of 1958



Carol Sue Willcutt - December 04, 2017 at 08:32 PM

TB

“ Joe Robinson was the best principal I worked for at Broken Arrow High School. He was committed to the students, the faculty and our community of Broken Arrow. What a privilege to have worked for him. I will not be able to attend the service as I will be out of town but my thoughts and prayers are with his dear family. God bless you all.

Terry Beckwith, French teacher at BAHS 1972-2012

Terry Beckwith - December 04, 2017 at 08:18 PM

KH

I loved Joe Robinson. Being a bratty teenager never affected his treatment to me. He counseled me and felt more like a Father figure to me than my Principal. My sincerest condolences to the family. RIP Daddy Joe. Ken Harrell Class of '78. 🙏

Ken Harrell - December 04, 2017 at 08:51 PM

LN

A great educator and administrator at Broken Arrow. Prayers go out to your family and all the lives you have touch through out your years in Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Public Schools. Linda Ballew Newkirk class of '81. 🙏🙏🙏

Linda Newkirk - December 04, 2017 at 09:35 PM

MN

Joe Robinson was the most caring person and teacher..I worked for him two years in highschool...he and Patti went to school with my dad...so sorry..we have lost a great one.

Marsha Nimmo - December 04, 2017 at 11:43 PM


Barbara
Wright

My deepest condolences to all who loved him. I loved working with him! Joe Robinson was a wonderful principal. He was a man of integrity, very caring to the students as well as his faculty. The world is a sadder place without him in it.

Barbara Wright - December 05, 2017 at 04:57 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joe Robinson.*



December 04, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ *A true friend to the Beck family! A friend and mentor to my dad!!*

Brian Beck - December 04, 2017 at 05:29 PM



One of the greatest men I've ever known!

Jim Ragsdale - December 04, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Robinson family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Joe*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 03, 2017 at 11:44 PM



SO SORRY to hear of Coach's passing. TRULY one of the ICONS of Broken Arrow. Have nothing but Love and Respect for this man. God Bless you Coach, RIP.

Jerry Medlin - December 04, 2017 at 03:56 PM



A great man and long time friend of my dad, Les Randall! Influenced so many students the right way!,

Rod Randall - December 04, 2017 at 05:24 PM

FE

Coach was special, last time I visited him was while I was recruiting for the Navy in 87 I think at the high school. What a loss.

Frank Edmundson - December 04, 2017 at 07:38 PM

CG

Joe's family, you really don't know the influence he had on my life and probably hundreds or thousands of other youngsters in Broken Arrow. He lived a wonderful life and helped so many during their formative years. A great man, American and so glad I got to know him.

Charlie Gann - December 05, 2017 at 12:37 AM

AW

When I first came to Broken Arrow in 2005, my then to be husband, Jerald Williams introduced me to his good friends, Joe and Patty Robinson. They were attendants a couple weeks later at our wedding and have been cherished friends ever since. Joe was a great guy and always a joy to be around. I will miss him.

Audrey Williams

Audrey Williams - December 05, 2017 at 11:00 AM

SB

Some of my best and most enjoyable years of teaching vocational agriculture were under Joe as my principal. The kids in my shop class loved to show Joe what they were building ,and he always had a good word for them. Joe made you feel like you were making a difference in the kids lives. I will forever remember the hunting and fishing trips with Joe. He was and always has been one of the leaders in my life. He will be missed.

Steve Barnett

Steve Barnett - December 06, 2017 at 01:48 PM