



Wilbur Maxwell

March 11, 1935 - May 16, 2026

Wilbur James Maxwell was born to Melvin Maxwell and Ruth (Fulkerson) Maxwell in McNatt, Missouri on March 11, 1935. Wilbur led a long faithful life and passed peacefully at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on May 16, 2026, at the age of 91.

Wilbur was the second oldest of seven children and had a love of family instilled in him from a young age. He lived in McNatt as a youngster, then his family moved to Miami, Oklahoma. Wilbur graduated from Miami High School in 1953 and then attended NEO A&M before joining the United States Army in 1954 where he served as part of the occupational forces in Europe following WWII.

After his discharge, he married the love of his life, Barbara Ann Gourd, on January 15, 1958 in Miami. Soon after, they moved to Tucson, Arizona where Wilbur finished his degree in Chemistry at the University of Arizona. He taught high school classes for some time before moving back to Oklahoma and beginning a career in the oil services industry, first as a chemist and later as a purchasing manager.

Wilbur and Barabara raised three beautiful children together – Steven, Randall, and David. Wilbur enjoyed traveling with Barbara, and especially loved reminiscing on their time spent together in Europe. When he wasn't traveling, he enjoyed tending to his yard, golfing with good friends all over the country, and hosting family domino nights on Sunday.

Wilbur was a man of tremendous faith. He was dedicated to his home church,

Arrow Heights, where he served as both a Deacon and a Sunday school teacher for many years. Wilbur helped start the Monday Night Men's Ministry and enjoyed participating in the group for many years, growing in faith and enjoying fellowship with a tightknit community of Believers.

Wilbur loved being part of a large, multigenerational family and spending as much time as possible with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was a guiding light to his family, a faithful friend, and an influential spiritual leader at his church. Wilbur will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Wilbur will be fondly remembered by

His Children:

Steven (Karen) Maxwell of Broken Arrow Oklahoma

Randall (Jennifer) Maxwell of Owasso, Oklahoma

David Maxwell of Tulsa, Oklahoma

His Grandchildren:

Jordan Maxwell, Christopher (Jessica) Maxwell, Tyler (Taylor) Maxwell, Madeline Maxwell (Amanda Stansbury), Samantha Maxwell, Savannah Owczarski, and Nicholas Owczarski

His Great Grandchildren:

Rosha Maxwell, Evie Hamilton, River Maxwell, and Tatum Maxwell

As well as his siblings:

Wayne (Susan) Maxwell and Judy Cavaliero

He was preceded in death by:

His Parents: Melvin and Ruth Maxwell

His Wife: Barbara Maxwell

His Siblings: George Maxwell, Robert Maxwell, Bill Maxwell, and Jerry Maxwell

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74012
(918) 252-2518

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 20. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Visitation

MAY 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

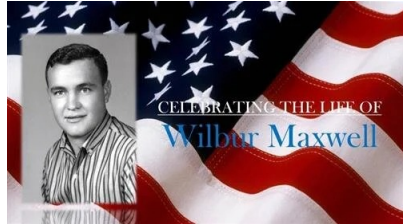
MAY **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



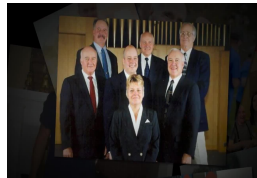
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Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 17 at 03:59 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 21 at 01:44 PM

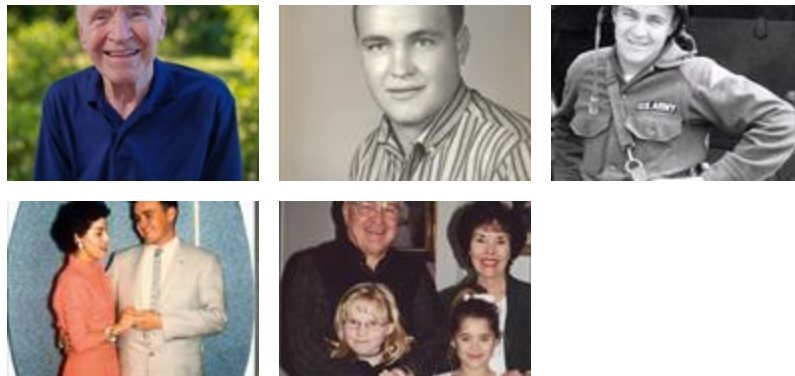
DW

“ I knew Wilbur in 1970-73, when we both worked for the Dow Chemical Company’s, Dowell Division. Wilbur had been working on a research project that required him to construct an ingenious piece of equipment; his apparatus measured the permeability (ease of fluid flow) of different propping agents (usually graded sizes of sand) under extreme pressures. The research was critical for the design of hydraulic fracturing operations in oil and gas wells. When he got promoted from the research lab into management, he turned the project over to me, a new, young research chemist. He always made time to mentor me so that I was able to bring the project to completion a few years later. That research he began with his overburden testing apparatus resulted in sets of very valuable data for the petroleum industry. The data are considered “standard” for the industry. I don’t know for sure, but he may have gotten a patent for his testing equipment design. I never forgot how he helped me get started in my career. Sincerely, Danny White

Danny White - May 20 at 10:18 PM

RM

“ 9 files added to the album Wilbur



randall maxwell - May 20 at 03:55 PM

DR

“ Doug Roper purchased the Cream Pink Tulips and Purple Iris (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Wilbur Maxwell.



Doug Roper - May 20 at 10:34 AM

DR

“ Doug Roper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbur Maxwell.

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KK

“ KKM purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilbur Maxwell.



KKM - May 20 at 08:38 AM

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LS

“ Lisa Cheatham Schanck purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Wilbur Maxwell.



Lisa Cheatham Schanck - May 19 at 10:40 PM

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“ Lisa Cheatham Schanck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbur Maxwell.

Lisa Cheatham Schanck - May 19 at 10:40 PM

CF

“ Candace, Jodi, Aly, and families purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Wilbur Maxwell.



Candace, Jodi, Aly, and families - May 19 at 06:05 PM

TW

“ Gwen and I send our condolences and love to everyone after the passing of Uncle Bub.....



Thomas Edward Wiederhold - May 19 at 04:41 PM

JY

“ To all of Maxwell family , loved Wilbur so much , he was a wonderful godly caring , kind and joyful man that i was blessed to know most of my life! I can still remember him greeting at the church doors , spending fellowships with my parents, and his smile and laugh were contagious . Always enjoyed talking with him and loved his beautiful Barbara with all my heart , when i went through difficult times in life Barbara and Wilbur were there in prayer sending scriptures in cards and there presence at my parents homegoing flowers sent were not only appreciated but were an example of the love they shared as friends all through our many great times at AHBC! My life is blessed to have known The Maxwell's each and everyone of you in my journey of life! Praying for that peace in your hearts that only our Jesus can give today and the days ahead!!Love, Jacki Yager

Jacki Yager - May 19 at 01:26 AM