



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 Phoenix, 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

Upcoming Events

Viewing

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

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

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



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Wilbur Maxwell



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 17 at 03:59 PM

LS

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



Lisa Cheatham Schanck - Yesterday 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 - Yesterday at 10:40 PM

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“ The Cantu Family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Wilbur Maxwell.



The Cantu Family - Yesterday at 06:05 PM

TW

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



Thomas Edward Wiederhold - Yesterday 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 - Yesterday at 01:26 AM