



Max Duane Lutke

July 14, 1933 - December 16, 2025

Max Duane Lutke, 92, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away on December 16, 2025. He was born on July 14, 1933, at family home in northern Washington County near Wann to Herman Martin Lutke and Nina Davis Lutke. He grew up on the family farm and completed elementary education at Pleasant View Grade School, a one-room brick school, as valedictorian of his eighth grade class. He later graduated from Copan High School.

After graduating from high school Max proudly served his country in the United States Army for three years. Following his service, he earned a bachelor's degree in education from Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg, now Pittsburg State University.

He spent many years as an educator and coach, first in Copan, OK and then Bartlesville, OK. He retired from the Bartlesville School District. After leaving education, Max embarked on a second career in real estate, where he worked for more than 35 years and built many lasting relationships throughout the community.

Those who knew Max remember him as a personable man who valued friendship and conversation. He enjoyed being around people, and many shared that they simply enjoyed his company. Over the years, Max became a familiar presence to many in Bartlesville, where he formed friendships through

both his professional and personal life. He will be missed by many in the Bartlesville community. He had been active in the local Rotary Club and Hillcrest Country Club.

Max is survived by his wife, Louise; his children, Rod, Terry, Haskell, Valorie, Melissa, and Scott; and his stepson, Dale, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Sisters Lois Lewis (Ron), Carol Deaton and Marty Lutke (Cecelia) and sister-in-law Ann Lutke as well as several nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Herman Rex and Robert Gail and brother-in-law John Deaton.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery - Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
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Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EG

“ Louise and Dale,

I'm so sorry to hear that Max has passed. Just today I told someone about how back about 1982 Louise and Max threw the Sooner Pool lifeguards a party at Moose Lodge, and what a good time that was.

That's a good obituary. I wish you had included that he'd managed Sooner Pool, because that gave so many people fun, safe summers. I'm still in touch with most of the lifeguards from back then. It was the best time of my life, and Max and Louise are a big reason why.

Louise might remember when there was a swim meet at the pool, and she and Max went into the pump room to relax. Kevin Cleary and I came in and saw you imbibing a pitcher of what looked like iced tea. Kevin said, "That iced tea looks good." Max said, "Do you want a glass of 'iced tea,' Kevin?" and he laughed. It was beer!

My mom passed two years ago. She remembered Max and thought highly of him. It was great that he stayed active for so long.

I hope Louise and Dale have happy memories of Max, the best manager Sooner Pool ever had.

Eric Gray

Eric Gray - January 01 at 09:00 PM

PA

“ 5 files added to the album Max



Patricia - December 23, 2025 at 09:28 AM

RB

“ Louise and Lois, I am so sorry to hear about Max's passing. He was one of a kind and I always appreciated his guiding in real estate. My prayers are with you all.



Rosy Nikkel Beck - December 22, 2025 at 07:50 PM

TB

“ I worked with Max at Chinowth & Cohen Realtors while he was the Managing Broker. What a kind and genuinely nice person! He had a way of making you feel special and accepted and loved and I always loved spending any amount of time with him. He is well-loved, respected and will be missed. I love you Max!

Tudie Bryan - December 22, 2025 at 11:20 AM

MM

“ *Max guided us in purchasing and selling a couple of properties over the years. He always gave us great fatherly advice and was very kind to our children. Good man!*

Mrs Kent Morris - December 22, 2025 at 10:11 AM

AB

“ *Anita B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Max Duane Lutke.*

Anita B. - December 22, 2025 at 08:38 AM

JS

“ *Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Max Duane Lutke*



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - December 19, 2025 at 09:50 PM

KM

“ *Keith and Debbie Martinson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Max Duane Lutke.*



Keith and Debbie Martinson - December 19, 2025 at 09:11 AM