



Wayne Calvin Callaghan

November 30, 1965 - October 1, 2024

Wayne Calvin Callaghan, age 58, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2024. Born on November 30, 1965, in Boksburg, South Africa, Wayne lived a life of compassion, laughter, and love. Wayne's middle name, Calvin, was a testament to his deep love of theology; he could quote scriptures with ease and passion. His journey took him from formal schooling to proudly serving in the South African Air Force, where he showcased his athleticism as a member of the Air Force rugby team. In 1991, Wayne relocated to Oklahoma, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Bartlesville Wesleyan College. There, he married, Valarie Lehman Callaghan, and together they raised two beautiful children, Abigail Jane Bruner and Lane Calvin Callaghan.

Wayne ran a successful construction company for over 30 years, building not just homes but a legacy of kindness and generosity. A gifted musician, Wayne loved playing the drums and could scratch out a tune on the

grand piano. He led worship at his church throughout his high school years, sharing his love for music with all who knew him. Wayne had a special way of expressing love through gift-giving.

Wayne's life was marked by compassion, empathy, and an infectious sense of humor. He faced hardships with remarkable strength and resilience. He is survived by his daughter Abigail and her husband Troy of Nashville, Tennessee, and his son Lane of Fort Worth, Texas. He leaves behind his parents, Annette and Winston Callaghan of Port Shepstone, South Africa; his sister, Reneé Terrill, and her husband Kevin of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; niece Morgan Coldwell, her husband Jeff, and their daughters Amelia and Addison; and nephew Aaron Terrill and his wife Courtney, along with their son Judah of Austin, Texas. He was preceded in death by his sister, Trudy Callaghan.

A celebration of Wayne's life will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, October 6, at First Wesleyan Church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. All are invited to join the family in honoring his legacy, which will endure in the lives he touched—a testament to his kindness, humor, and gentle nature.

Memorial Flower Delivery Details:
First Wesleyan Church

Friday, October 4th between 9am and 4pm
Sunday, October 6th between 8am and 1pm
1776 Silver Lake Road
Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74006
918-333-4760

Or

Stumpff Funeral Home
Saturday, October 5 between 9am and 1pm
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
918-333-4300

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Wesleyan Church
1776 Silver Lake Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4760

Tribute Wall



“ Jodi, John, Simon, Sam, & Cole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.

Jodi, John, Simon, Sam, & Cole - October 05, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



October 05, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



October 04, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ Janice Holland lit a candle in memory of Wayne Calvin Callaghan



Janice Holland - October 04, 2024 at 04:12 PM

BC

“ My heart is sad. RIP my friend. I will cherish the words that we had together when we spoke.



Barry Collier - October 04, 2024 at 04:10 PM

SC

“ Snyder: Ron, Lori, Micah, Jarah, Cam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.

Snyders: Ron, Lori, Micah, Jarah, Cam - October 04, 2024 at 03:26 PM

SC

“ Snyder: Ron, Lori, Micah, Jarah, Cam purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



Snyders: Ron, Lori, Micah, Jarah, Cam - October 04, 2024 at 03:26 PM

EB

“ Ed & Willene Knorr Joe, Deanna & Brian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.

Ed & Willene Knorr Joe, Deanna & Brian - October 04, 2024 at 03:01 PM

EB

“ Ed & Willene Knorr Joe, Deanna & Brian purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



Ed & Willene Knorr Joe, Deanna & Brian - October 04, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



October 04, 2024 at 01:40 PM

BE

“ Brian and Ruth Casady. Patrick and Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.

Brian and Ruth Casady. Patrick and Eric - October 04, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JW

“ James W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.

James W. - October 04, 2024 at 01:00 PM

CT

“ *Craig & Christina Tate purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.*



Craig & Christina Tate - October 04, 2024 at 12:20 PM

FT

“ *From The Creative Nation Team purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.*



From The Creative Nation Team - October 04, 2024 at 12:16 PM

GH

“ *Annette and Renee
I just read the obituary...
I am so sorry Annette for the loss of your talented, amazing son.
Renee, brothers are so special! I know that pain!
May God hold all the family close during this time!
Sending love and prayers! 🙏
Gail Hurlburt
Annette and I traveled together many years ago to a mission conference.*

Gail Hurlburt - October 04, 2024 at 11:58 AM

GW

“ Wayne was a fine young man. We were assistant Pastors to his father at Craig hall Park Wesleyan Church in 1980. He sang duets with his sister Renee and loved music, especially the drums. Once he went to America, we didn't see him again but enjoyed his Facebook posts. He appears to have had a very good work ethic!

We have lovely memories of him at camps from a very young age with a beautiful smile.

He will be sorely missed.

Our very deepest sympathies especially to his dad and mom here in South Africa, his sister Renee, and all the family.

May God comfort you in these sad days.

Gordon and Shirley Webster - October 04, 2024 at 11:52 AM

GF

“ Gina Elias & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.

Gina Elias & Family - October 04, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



October 04, 2024 at 11:44 AM

LD

“ Love, Kim, Gary, and Dad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.

Love, Kim, Gary, and Dad - October 04, 2024 at 11:27 AM

LD

“ Love, Kim, Gary, and Dad purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



Love, Kim, Gary, and Dad - October 04, 2024 at 11:27 AM

VQ

“ Victoria & Quinn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wayne Calvin Callaghan.



Victoria & Quinn - October 04, 2024 at 11:25 AM

AE

“ I am having hard time wrapping my mind around the fact you are gone. I have known you since you were in college and working with Don and Duane Mueller. Then miraculously you came into my life again and I started working for you. You had a special talent that will never be duplicated. I will always keep you in my prayers. We shared a special bond, and I am forever grateful to have renewed our friendship. I am grateful you now have peace. Alice Ellis

Alice Ellis - October 04, 2024 at 10:49 AM

DH

“ You was Jess & my boss for many years. You were the best. We were so proud to be able to work on the houses that you built. There was so much pride in everyone of them. But even more than a boss you were a friend. And you will be missed!! I know you're not suffering now. But it is hard to think of you being gone. We love you Jess & Donna



Donna Harvey - October 03, 2024 at 11:21 PM

KD

“ We will always remember you! We will forever talk about you! Wayne you were our first friend here and that has lasted almost 6 years ! U have watched my kids grow and love u as much as we do! I can talk for ever about the memories of us ! Being your neighbor for 6 years have been nothing less of a blessing ❤️ we love you so much and the pain of loosing you is unbearable but knowing ur not in pain I'm trying to be grateful for ! We will miss your smile your laugh, your conversation , and your yard work ! You would do urs then we had to do ours we couldn't let you have the best yard 😭 thank you for ur friendship we will now hold your memories close ❤️



krystle dunlap - October 03, 2024 at 10:49 PM

GH

My friend, I have no words. I am devastated to hear 😞. You were planning to visit me, which I was looking forward too. We had so many laughs together, and I'll miss you dearly. RIP my brother, love you

Gordon Hamman - October 04, 2024 at 05:04 AM



“ Jeff Harris lit a candle in memory of Wayne Calvin Callaghan



Jeff Harris - October 03, 2024 at 09:08 PM



Will definitely miss you, you always had a amazing vision of every house you had me wire!!

Jeff Harris - October 03, 2024 at 09:09 PM



“ Melissa Sweem lit a candle in memory of Wayne Calvin Callaghan



Melissa Sweem - October 03, 2024 at 08:25 PM

BP

Wayne. My heart is painful hearing this sad news. I will remember the good days we had in Sunny park with you before he went to USA. Your contiguous laugh was awesome. I will surely miss you. Love Beth and Roy. Xxxx

Beth Pansegrauw - October 06, 2024 at 08:12 AM