



Donald Frank Haxel

January 29, 1939 - January 30, 2025

Donald Frank Haxel, 86, of Siloam Springs, AR, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2025.

Born on January 29, 1939, in Oklahoma City, Don Haxel was the son of Frank and Evelyn Haxel. A man of many talents and passions, Don dedicated his life to his work and his family. As a teacher, coach, businessman, realtor, developer, and home builder, he had a profound impact on those around him. But above all, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. For nearly 80 years, Don was a faithful and active member of First United Methodist Church, where he drew strength from his faith and built lasting relationships within his community. His unwavering commitment to his church and his family was the cornerstone of his life.

One of his proudest traditions was attending the Haxel Family Reunion, where he never missed a single year of the 75-year event. His love for his extended family was evident in his constant presence and the joy he brought to every gathering.

He was blessed to spend 63 incredible years with his lovely wife, Brenda, building a life full of love, laughter, and adventure. He was an amazing father, a cherished role model, and a pillar of support to his children, grandchildren, and all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Helen Sue Haxel Camfield, and brother-in-law, David Camfield.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 and a half years, Brenda Haxel of the

Home; son, Nash Haxel and wife Teri of St. Louis, MO; daughter, Jo Carole Haxel and husband John Anderson of Cedaredge, CO; brother, Kenneth Haxel and wife Diana of Fayetteville, AR; grandchildren, Katie Reed and husband Tim of St. Louis, MO, and Ryan Haxel of Fort Pierce, FL; and great-grandchild, Rowan Reed.

A private family graveside service will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at First Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Drop-in hours for the celebration of life will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 4. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
325 E. Twin Springs St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *I'm so sorry, I just found out about Don's death. I didn't know him well, but I liked and respected him. Lee Manuel (formerly Haxel)*

Lee - June 20, 2025 at 01:43 PM

TM

“ *Brenda, Nash and families: So very sorry to read that your dad has gone to heaven! He was such a nice man!!! My prayers are with the family and he will be extremely missed.*

Teresa “Mason” Martin

Teresa Martin - February 07, 2025 at 01:54 AM

RL

“ Aunt Brenda, Nash and Jo and your families, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to you all. We are so sorry for your loss. Don is remembered and cherished by Cara and I, Matt, Josh, and their families as generous, kind hearted, and our fun loving Uncle Don.

An early memory of my first meeting Don was him being very proud about his pig that had just had a litter. His joy in that event was fun to be a part of. I was always impressed with your love and partnership in marriage. You guys took on so many fixer uppers with such skill and creativity, ran many different businesses together, and always with grace and style.

Cara recalls going on family vacations with your family to places like Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, and San Francisco, and being treated as part of the family. She says Don was always so kind and affectionate. He was a hugger and that was always so affirming to her.

Matt and Josh have fond memories as kids of our Christmases together at Mama Jo and Papa's and how fun Uncle Don was to play with. His tenderness with Allison on those visits was always so touching to watch.

Don always made us feel seen, included, affirmed, and loved. What a great example he was for us.

Ron Lester - February 04, 2025 at 04:20 PM

DJ

“ Don was deeply loved by, well, everyone. He had a special way with children, showing genuine interest in them and loving them in their uniqueness. Every cousin who attended the Haxel Family reunion has special affection for Don, because he made them feel seen, heard, and loved, including me. He will be missed sorely until we see him again. Sending our heartfelt condolences to Brenda, Jo Carol, Nash, cousin Ken, and all the family and offspring of this dear, beloved man.

Dana Jazwinski - February 04, 2025 at 02:30 PM

DJ

“ Dana J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Frank Haxel.

Dana J. - February 04, 2025 at 02:17 PM

WB

“ To the Haxel family; Coach was so important to me in my early formative junior high athletic days. He was the one coach that gave me any positive encouragement and helped keep me engaged those early years. Had he not truly cared about his students I don't think I could have stuck it out to play in high school. He had a great memory and always remembered me at some of the reunions he graced us with his presence! So glad to have know Don! Very Sincerely, Wes Berlin

Wes Berlin - February 04, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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Ron Lester - February 04, 2025 at 01:08 PM

BL

“ Brian Lamb lit a candle in memory of Donald Haxel



Brian Lamb - February 03, 2025 at 09:00 PM

AW

“ Don Haxel was an amazing teacher, coach, and literally one of the best humans I've ever known. A great role model for those of us who were blessed to sit in his classes and know him. Our condolences and prayers to Brenda and the family. Steven and Ann (Walenciak) Woodruff

Ann Woodruff - February 03, 2025 at 04:35 PM

RV

“ Never Easy to Say Goodbye to a Special Member of Your Family. Our Condolences to the HAXEL FAMILY! RIP

Randy Vohs - February 03, 2025 at 02:25 PM

GI

“ Our family's relationship with Don, Brenda, Nash and Jo Carole go back when Sandra and I started teaching in Siloam Springs in 1969. Don and family moved in to their house just down the street from us. Don and I taught and coached together in the junior high with Louie Thomas and Bill Hickman. Later Brenda worked in the new junior high office when I was principal. Don was a good friend over many years. We watched as Nash and Jo Carole grew up. Don was just a great person that had such an impact on his students and Siloam Springs. Our prayers go out to Brenda and family. Don will be missed, but will be thought of often in our hearts. Grady, Sandra and Grady Nichols II.

Grady, Sandra and Grady Nichols II - February 03, 2025 at 12:51 PM

SG

“ *Mr. Haxel was a good teacher, coach, and a good man who cared for his family and community. He and Mrs. Haxel were role models for the youth in Siloam Springs, and education suffered a loss when Mr. Haxel left the field. Sympathies to Mrs. Haxel, Nash, & Jo Carole.*

Sherri Gilliland Graves

Sherri Graves - February 02, 2025 at 07:52 PM

CS

“ *Cary and Mike Spivey purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Donald Frank Haxel.*



Cary and Mike Spivey - February 02, 2025 at 01:22 PM

FS

“ *F L Buddy Scism lit a candle in memory of Donald Haxel*



F L Buddy Scism - February 02, 2025 at 10:23 AM

KR

“ Dear Brenda and family,

Coach truly was a "cherished role model" -- a fitting tribute in his obituary. He was a fine teacher, a great coach and more importantly an even better human being. His positive influence carried through all aspects of his life. Brenda, I was so glad to visit with you and Coach over Christmas--it meant a lot to me and I will focus on all the good he brought into our lives. Tami and I wish you peace and comfort that comes from a life well lived.

*Kevin and Tami Riley
Point Lookout, Missouri*

Kevin Riley - February 01, 2025 at 09:12 PM

C8

“ *Class of 80 lit a candle in memory of Donald Haxel*



Class of 80 - February 01, 2025 at 05:13 PM

LR

“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Donald Haxel*



Liz Reading - February 01, 2025 at 04:39 PM