



## Donald Paul Haxton

January 8, 1927 - August 8, 2011

Donald Paul Haxton departed this life on August 8, 2011. He was born on the family farm in Gotebo, Oklahoma on January 8, 1927 to Bernard Gale Haxton and Barbara Anderson Haxton. He grew up with his two brothers, James and Richard, working on the farm from the time they were small boys. They plowed with a horse and grew most of what they needed right there on the farm.

Don devoted himself to the single minded pursuit of wrestling and went on to become the State Champion in 1945 and placed third at the National AAU competition. After school, to get in shape he ran 2 miles from Gotebo to home. The bus driver was kind enough to drop off his books in the driveway. He prevailed on enough of his cousins and friends to work out with him so they could make up a team.

During WWII, both of his brothers were in the Service and Don joined the army right after high school Graduation. He was still in basic training when the Japanese surrendered in August 1945. He returned home and married Joyce nee' Allen, a Hobart girl on August 21, 1948. He attended Oklahoma A&M on the GI bill and taught vocational agriculture in Capron and Fairview.

In 1972, Joyce and Don moved to Muskogee and Don began his career with Farm Bureau Insurance. They have been very active in the First Methodist

Church ever since.

Don and Joyce had three children; Robert, Nancy and Larry. Today, Don and Larry are eating eggs and bacon in Heaven as the rest of us wait to join them. Don was a beloved husband, father, uncle, cousin, Sunday School teacher, leader in the church, mentor, and generous donor of his time and money. He had a multitude of friends in the community and will be sincerely missed.

He is survived by wife, Joyce; son, Robert, his wife Elaine and their children, Michael, Emily and Cole. Cole's wife Laci and grandson Hayden; daughter, Nancy and husband Ray and their children, Mary and James. James' wife Lori and children Jerry, Marissa and Addie. He remained close to his brothers and cousins and all of their families.

# Cemetery Details

## Gotebo Cemetery

Gotebo, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **9**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

AUG **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
600 E. Okmulgee Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Paul Haxton*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Joyce,  
Don was always so cheerful & giving, ready to help in any situation. I know that both of you were a blessing to Vince & me. Robin Landrum wanted me to tell you that he will always remember when Frank Moore first brought him to Muskogee & he ate dinner at your house in June, 1978. That is the bottom line you two made memories for all of us.  
Love, Beverly Delmedico*

**Beverly Delmedico** - August 10, 2011 at 03:17 PM



“ *Amy Buchert lit a candle in memory of Donald Paul Haxton*



**Amy Buchert** - August 09, 2011 at 08:55 PM



“ *Dear Joyce and Family We send our prayers to you and your family at this time. Don will be so missed. He was so active in our church as you are. Our love and sympathy to all Bob and Shirley Wainman*

**Shirley Wainman** - August 09, 2011 at 04:23 PM

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“ Joyce, Nancy & Robert

*So many memories of your beloved husband and dad. He was Phil's brother in all the ways that counted and so many good times they had. I send my most sincere sympathy in your time of loss. Don was a wonderful friend and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Elmerta*

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**Elmerta Haxton** - August 09, 2011 at 07:08 AM