



Hoy Gene Parson

October 15, 1941 - May 11, 2020

Hoy Gene Parson, 78, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Monday, May 11, 2020. He was born October 15, 1941 in Gore, Oklahoma to Cisero and Perletty (Gilstrap) Parson. Hoy attended public schools and furthered his education at Bacone College where he received an associate's degree. He then attended Northeastern State University obtaining a double major in math and history and a master's degree in administration.

Hoy married the love of his life and best friend, Genevieve Hunter, in 1962. Together they shared many years of life, marriage, and memories.

He began his teaching career in Dustin, Oklahoma and then he went to Webbers Falls and taught there for 34 years. He taught many subjects and also coached basketball, football, and track. Hoy made a huge impact on many of his student's lives; both on and off the field and in and out of the classroom. He will always be remembered for his stories and advice about the lessons he learned throughout his life.

Hoy will be greatly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Cisero and Perletty; brothers Cisero David and John Anderson.

Hoy is survived by his wife of 58 years, Genevieve; sister Janie Vowell and husband Pat, sons Chuck Parson and wife Brenda, Rick Parson and wife DeVonna, and Danny Parson and wife Tracy; grandchildren, Trena Valdez and husband Daniel, Brad Morris, Cory Carter and wife Tiffany, Jessica Parson, Nicholas Parson and wife Amanda, Katie Munsell and husband Chetan, Hunter Parson, and Kali Parson; 7 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandbaby due in September; along with many other family members and friends.

Funeral services celebrating Hoy's life will be 10AM, Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Timothy Baptist Church with Pastor Kelly Payne officiating. Interment will follow at South Bethel Cemetery in Braggs. Pallbearers will be Cory Carter, Hunter Parson, Nicholas Parson, Chetan Munsell, Floyd Brown, and Brandon Ballard. Honorary pallbearers will be Marion Dale Hunter, Bill Hunter, Brad Morris, and his "Knapping Group".

Cemetery Details

South Bethel

Braggs, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family to greet friends

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Timothy Baptist Church
5530 W Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Hoy Gene Parson*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Okay, here's another one to say how Mr. Parson was the best teacher, greatest coach, and most wonderful mentor. In algebra class he had use writing those rules over and over and over. They are still stuck in my head even now! In the old WF gym, running laps, practicing lay-ups, scrimmaging, and heading out for a ball game. During the off season it was volley ball. With Coach Parson on the sidelines driving us on, telling us how to do it, and how to do it better. Never letting anyone think they couldn't do it, just to do better. And, I'm sorry, no disrespect meant, but what was that hair style I often wondered as a teenager. Was it a flat-top with side rails?! Again, no disrespect, but that's how I always picture him. Fondly as ever.*

Then there's the story I remember of him telling about one of his sons letting out the saying "Either like it or lump it". How many times have I used that line! Of course, hearing in Mr. P's voice each time. Even still to today.

Geez what a great guy!

Heartfelt condolences to all the family and those close to him.

Blessed was the time you shared with him.

Gaye "Ward"



Gaye Jackson - May 22, 2020 at 11:48 AM

RP

“ *Mr. Parson was to me as so many my favorite teacher of all time. I will never for get some of the long bus rides to ballgame and him just talking about anything and me listening to every word. Now I know that in every story he told he was teaching. Now each time I show a student how to do a math problem some will ask me why is that so easy for you and I tell them I had the best math teacher of all time.* ”



Rachelle Pierce - May 15, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hoy Gene Parson.* ”



May 14, 2020 at 07:24 PM

PR

“ *Mr. Parson was my absolute favorite teacher/coach/mentor. He was funny/strict/creative and the smartest person I've ever known. He always had an answer to your questions no matter what you could think of to ask. I remember Mr. Parson most days and can hear his advice in many situations in my life. He is loved and admired by many. He will be missed.* ”



Paula Ragsdale - May 14, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hoy Gene Parson.*



May 14, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ *To the Parson family ~~*

We knew Hoy from Braggs. He was always known as a highly intelligent, professional and caring person. The world was blessed because he was in it.

Our sympathies to you all ~~

Quinton and Fran Barker

Fran Barker - May 14, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Mr. Parson was my favorite teacher and coach and a big part of why I chose to study mathematics. I would visit his classroom in the mornings before school so I could have extra math lessons. He called all of his players "sis" and spent as much time teaching us life lessons as he did math and basketball. Mr. Parson had a gift for telling us what we needed to hear, even when it wasn't what we wanted to hear. When I was in college, I worked at Sears and I used to run into him sometimes during my break walking laps around the mall. After that, I started making a point to go to come home every year during the Fin & Feather Fall Festival because I knew I'd find him and Jennie manning a table at one of the nearby flea markets and still giving out life advice.*

Julie (Ward) Pardi - May 14, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JA

I had the highest respect for Mr. Parsons. He was an excellent teacher and I don't recall ever seeing him upset with anybody. He will remain in my memory as a man very much in control in his classes.

Jerl Dean (Wooten) Adams - May 14, 2020 at 11:17 PM

TC

“ *When you grow up on the opposite side of the old gymnasium in WF from the Parson family, you become one of their own! I can hear him now just like then say, "Knock 'em BOTH down Cash," no matter if 2 shots or a one-and-one. He always made me believe and have confidence that I would make both free throws every time. What an impact he made on my life and I am certain he did for countless others. I pray for Jennie and all 3 of you Parson "boys" and your families. Miss my coach, mentor, teacher, WF family member, and might as well say my family member. 🥺*

Tracy Cash - May 14, 2020 at 08:57 AM



RitaLynn
Hunter
Shamblin

“ *RitaLynn Hunter Shamblin lit a candle in memory of Hoy Gene Parson*



RitaLynn Hunter Shamblin - May 13, 2020 at 10:43 PM

GH

“ *Uncle Hoy , he could sing like Elvis and looked like him in his younger days then he got into basketball and coached and also taught at School. He was just uncle Hoy to me and whenever I saw him he was always himself as he was to everyone. No put on always just himself. I love and miss him so much!*

Gail Hake - May 13, 2020 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ Jennie and family,

Mr. Parson was a wonderful teacher, coach and friend and will be greatly missed. I'm so sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Jeanie Wright Coffman

jeanie wright coffman - May 13, 2020 at 06:06 PM

LS

“ Jennie, Chuck, Rick and Danny,

Mr. Parson was a wonderful coach, teacher and friend. He helped any student, if they took his class or not. He treated all the kids he taught, the same. Our families spent the summers in each others homes. Played board games, cards, games at the gym, swimming in our pool or watching movies. Six Flags, so fun! Lots of great memories with Mr. Parson and your family. I know he will be greatly missed in your lives. I do know he is still greatly mIm loved. Love you guys and Jennie!

Laurie Jarrard Snow - May 13, 2020 at 04:32 PM

DP

Mr. Parson was the best teacher, coach, and just a good person. There are so many good memories. You are all in my thoughts, and prayers during this difficult time.

Debra McLaughlin Proctor - May 14, 2020 at 09:30 AM

BD

“ Hoy & Jennie, the two as one; *Backbones of the Parson family. Precious & Loved*💙
Your favorite niece in Park Hill

Beth Parson Dillon - May 13, 2020 at 12:58 PM

JA

“ *Jami Anderson lit a candle in memory of Hoy Gene Parson*



Jami Anderson - May 13, 2020 at 11:03 AM

GG

“ *Mr. Parson was my favorite math teacher during high school. When I started college and had a higher math course, I would talk to him about it when I came home to watch a ballgame. He told me I would either understand it one day or I never would. I never did catch on and changed my major from Math to Accounting. He was the best JH basketball coach we could have had. He was always encouraging and it was a pleasure to visit with him & Jeanie when they attended some WF ballgames these past few years. There's only one "Mr. Parson"!! Condolences to the family.*

Glenda Gould

Glenda Gould - May 13, 2020 at 10:27 AM

SH

“ I will always remember Hoy. He was the same age as my sister Cherry Cox Craig and they commuted to Northeastern College together. Then as a high school student I can remember he was a coach against Braggs at our basketball games! When we moved back to Muskogee many years later we would see them walking in the mall, I never forget a face, so I told him who I was, everyday we would speak or chat. My husband, Bob, and I bought a piece of property from Hoy where he grew up and put a manufactured home there. I am so sorry for you loss, words won't replace him, but hopefully will be a comfort to your family.

Sally Cox Jenkins Harrison

Sally J Harrison - May 13, 2020 at 08:02 AM

BS

“ Hoy has been mine and Bill's friend since high school days. He was always kind, funny, nice to everyone. As the years have passed, it was always a pleasure to run into Hoy and Jenny. I'm so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers for the family



Betty Smallwood - May 12, 2020 at 08:29 PM

PI

“ Hack and I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the Parson family. Hoy was a good man and a friend to many. He had many talents. He will be missed.

Hack and Pat Isbell

Pat Isbell - May 12, 2020 at 07:42 PM

KP

“ Parson family.

Where does one begin when describing Hoy Parson's. This man was my mentor teacher my first year of teaching at WF. That first day he told me that we would meet every Monday morning at 7:30 in his classroom. Don't be late. I was nervous as I entered the door that first Monday morning. Never would I have thought that the meetings would last for 16 years. Hoy and I both taught at WF together for 16 years, and we continued to meet every Monday morning at 7:30 for my weekly counseling sessions. He helped me with everything. We talked about classes, raising children, marriage lessons, I could continue on... We developed a close relationship in those 16 years. Hoy didn't have to put up with me but one year, but he dedicated 15 more unpaid years to help me with all my problems. I thank you Mr. Parson's for all you have done for me and my family. What a blessing it has been to know you. RIP

Kimberly Pearson - May 12, 2020 at 07:29 PM

TB

“ Rick, Danny, and family,

Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. I am truly sorry for your loss. "He will not leave you comfortless. He will come to you." John 14:18.

Tara Bennett



Tara Bennett - May 12, 2020 at 04:55 PM