



Mr. Aaron F. Townsend

October 1, 1935 - August 18, 2013

Aaron F. Townsend, 77, of Bartlesville, went home to the Lord Sunday evening. His loving family was by his side when he departed this earth for an eternity of joyful worship, proclaiming forevermore, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Aaron Franklin Townsend was born October 1, 1935, in Bokchito, OK, to Edgar Townsend and Faye Blankenship. He was raised in Bokchito, a small town that in the Choctaw language translated into "big creek" and he graduated from Bokchito High School. He went to Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant and earned a bachelors in music education, graduating in 1957. Aaron then moved to Barnsdall as the band and choir director where he met the love of his life Sharon. Aaron and Sharon Fritz were united in marriage December 22, 1958, in Barnsdall. Aaron served in the US Army from 1958-60 at Fort Lewis near Tacoma, Washington. They worked and lived in various cities before moving to Bartlesville in 1990.

Aaron enjoyed Sooner football, basketball and fishing trips with his sons at the cabin in Moline, KS. He loved his children and grandchildren. He also loved his wife's company, cooking and cookies. Aaron had a cheerful spirit and he loved to visit dear friends. He will be deeply missed.

Aaron's first love in life was God his Heavenly Father. His second love was his

family. His third love was music, which Aaron embraced as his life's calling, serving as a music teacher and music minister. He requested his two favorite hymns be included in his service: Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art - songs that reflected his deep faith and love for his Savior.

Aaron is survived by his loving wife of the home Sharon; four children Russell Townsend of San Antonio, Richard Townsend and Ronda of Wichita, Ross Townsend of Wichita, and Reba Lee and Mike of Ramona; four grandchildren, Mandy Bird, Lauren Townsend, Hailey Townsend, and Ryan Townsend; one great granddaughter Shayli Bird, and one sister Lorene Patton of Durant. Aaron was preceded in death by his parents, brother Wayne Townsend, son Robby Townsend, grandson Jon Ross Townsend and great grandson Shaun Mersman.

The family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, (918-534-3030), 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Thursday, August 22, 2013, from 6-8 p.m. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the residents' Christmas party fund at the Bartlesville Health & Rehab, 3434 Kentucky Place, Bartlesville, Ok 74006. Bringing joy to others would be what Aaron would want.

Funeral services for Mr. Townsend will be held on Friday, August 23, 2013, at 2 p.m. in the Rose Hill Community Baptist Church. Rev. Orville Moody will officiate. Interment will follow in the Ethel Reece Cemetery in Barnsdall. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Family Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Ethel Reece Cemetery

Hwy 123
Barnsdall, OK 74002

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

AUG 22. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
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Gathering of Friends and Family

AUG **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
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Visitation

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
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Service

AUG **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Community Baptist Church
12950 N 4000 RD
Dewey, OK 74029
<http://www.rosehillchurch.net>

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Aaron F. Townsend*



Davis Family Funeral Home - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *I feel very fortunate to have known Aaron. We were members of the band at Bokchito High School and Southeastern State College. I treasure those days. May you find comfort in your fondest memories. Edna Haggard Hennessee*

Edna Haggard Hennessee - August 31, 2013 at 06:50 PM

GC

“ *So sorry, Sharon and family, to hear that you have lost Aaron. I remember you as a family in the FBC in Henryetta as well as his marching band. Watching the video was so bittersweet but was a reminder of how much of a "family man" Mr. Townsend was. Thank you for sharing your lives with us in Henryetta, may God be with you during this most difficult time. Gail Clay*

gail clay - August 25, 2013 at 08:38 PM

JL

“ Jerry and I are so sorry to learn of your loss. We enjoyed working with Aaron at Trinity here in Claremore. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

Jerry and Latricia Lingenfelter

Jerry Lingenfelter - August 22, 2013 at 05:31 PM

PF

“ PFH purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Aaron F. Townsend.



PFH - August 22, 2013 at 09:57 AM

JR

“ I have fond memories of meeting Aaron in the spring of 1958. I followed Aaron as band director at Barnsdall High School in 1958. He was a joy to be with and I am sorry that I lost contact with him through the years. I wish that I had known that we lived so close to each other so our friendship could have continued to grow. IT has been a joy to have known Aaron and the Fritz family of Barnsdall. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Aaron F. Townsend. We will be in Kansas City and regret that we cannot attend the service Friday.

*John & Betty Reber
Pawhuska, Oklahoma*

John G. Reber - August 22, 2013 at 05:51 AM



“ 1 file added to the album video



Davis Family Funeral Home - August 21, 2013 at 04:54 PM

PY

“ Dear Family: We at the Music Store in Tulsa send our dearest Sympathy to each one of you. We knew Aaron for many years and respected his work as a Band Director and Vocal teacher. We pray for Gods blessings on each of you in the coming weeks and years.
Paris York and the Staff at the MusicStore

Paris York - August 21, 2013 at 12:05 AM

LS

“ So very sorry for your loss. I was one of his band students in Henryetta and am proud to say he was a large part of my love of music. My prayers are with Mr Townsend and the family during this difficult time.

Larry Stogner

Larry Stogner - August 20, 2013 at 08:12 PM

HH

“ Sorry to hear that Mr. Townsend had to leave us. He was my band teacher at Henryetta. I always thought that other than music his greatest love had to be marching. He was a true friend to his students, and was always there to listen. He will be truly missed.

Howard Hobbs - August 20, 2013 at 08:04 PM

JD

“ Aaron's OMEA colleagues are saddened with you at this time. May knowing that many are keeping you in their thoughts and prayers bring you some comfort. OMEA Cares (Janis Dawson)

Janis Dawson - August 20, 2013 at 07:29 PM

DR

“ Reba & Family

We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God give you peace & comfort in the days ahead.

Love, Mike & Debbie Riddle

Debbie Riddle - August 20, 2013 at 12:46 PM

BI

“ I have good memories of "Mr." Townsend at Barnsdall High School in the choir room. I know he would have rather spent all his time with the band, but he was a new graduate, and at a small school, had to teach both vocal and band. I remember he was from Bokchito, OK. I guess that stuck in my mind because I had never heard of it before, just like he probably never heard of Barnsdall. We had good choir times, but if he was ever unhappy with us, his face became very red! I'm glad that he continued to bless others with his music, both in churches and schools!

*Berniece McHenry Irby, BHS '60
Pawhuska, OK*

Berniece Irby - August 20, 2013 at 11:36 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Swanson Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Aaron F. Townsend



Carolyn Swanson Little - August 20, 2013 at 08:41 AM

JM

“ Lit a candle in memory of our dear friend. We have many good memories of choir practices and Sunday School classes. Our love and best wishes to Sharon and the family. Jim and Nadine Maloy



Jim and Nadine Maloy - August 20, 2013 at 08:26 AM

JA

“ Jacqi lit a candle in memory of Mr. Aaron F. Townsend



Jacqi - August 19, 2013 at 09:35 PM

LP

“ We lift all of you up to our Lord and pray He wraps His arms around each of you and blesses you with strength, courage and peace to get thru this loss. We loved him and had many good memories with him, and the memories in our hearts will carry us all thru until we see him again one day....Love you all....Launa & Buddy...



Launa & Buddy Patton - August 19, 2013 at 02:05 PM

ST

So sorry to read about this in the paper today. He was my high school band director at Henryetta from 1968-1971, the reason I became a band director. Dearly loved this man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Steve and Peggy Tipton.

Steve Tipton - August 20, 2013 at 10:53 AM

CT

I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Townsend. I started my band time with him in the 5th grade at Hartshorne Okla. I have often thought of him and wondered where he was . I was very saddened to find that he has went on to be with the Lord. May God truly bless your family.

*Charles L. Tiner
Hartshorne, Oklahoma*

Charles Tiner - April 22, 2015 at 01:50 PM

SW

Sad to hear this. He was band director in Hartshorne, OK, when I was in Jr. High, many years ago!

Sharon Winslow - April 24, 2015 at 09:27 AM