



Dwayne Elton Messner

November 15, 1953 - November 22, 2021

Dwayne Elton Messner, 68, of Caney, KS, a lifelong agriculture educator and mentor, passed away on Nov. 22, 2021.

Dwayne was born Nov. 15, 1953, in WaKeeney, KS, to Claude E. and Eleanor J. (Orlowski) Messner. He was a 1971 graduate of Caney Valley High School in Caney, KS. Dwayne continued his education at Kansas State, earning his master's degree in animal science, and was a fan of the K-State Wildcats.

Passion for ag was Dwayne's life, and he began his teaching career at Coffeyville Public Schools in June 1983 and continued there until August 2007. After that time, he taught at Caney Valley Public Schools in Caney, KS, from 2007 to 2015, when he retired. A few years after his retirement, he was asked to begin an ag program at the Independence Public Schools. He worked diligently to help build the program for two years in 2018 and 2019. Dwayne loved teaching ag and dearly loved his students. Over the years he had received numerous comments from his former students about how he impacted their lives.

After his retirement, Dwayne spent his days devoted to his family, especially his grandchildren. He never missed any of their rodeos or the boys' basketball games. Anytime his family would call him, he would drop everything to come over or go places with them. Dwayne was a family man and was always taking care of everyone. He was loving, patient, and giving. His family members said they hope they can be even half of the good person Dwayne was. He was their safety net and his family said he could fix anything. He was

loved and respected by all who knew him and will be dearly missed.

Dwayne and Carlotta Gordon were together for 25 years and they enjoyed working and spending time together.

Survivors include Dwayne's significant other, Carlotta Gordon of Caney, KS; her son Brian Gordon of Pasadena, CA; two sons, Matt Messner and wife Lyndsee of Copan, and Dustin Messner of Caney, KS; one sister, Gail Padden of Lawrence, KS; one brother, Darrel Messner of Caney, KS; five grandchildren, Ty Messner, Gavin Messner, Braydon Messner, Eli Messner, and Maysa Messner.

In addition to his parents, Dwayne was preceded in death by his son, Derek Messner; and a sister, Patty Anderson.

Dwayne's family will receive friends at Tyro Christian Church in Tyro, KS, from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Visitation will also be held on Thursday from 4-8 at Tyro Christian Church.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3 at Tyro Christian Church with Evangelist David Bycroft officiating. Interment will follow at a later time in the Sunnyside Cemetery in Caney, KS. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside Cemetery

408 N Hooker St
Caney, KS 67333

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tyro Christian Church
301 Market St.
Tyro, KS 67364
<http://www.tyrochristian.org>

Family and Friends Gathering

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tyro Christian Church
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Funeral Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ Just wanted to send a note to all the family that I was so sorry to hear of Dwayne's passing. I knew him from teaching Ag in the state and enjoyed our times we had a chance to visit. He made a huge impact on his students and his fellow Ag teachers in the state. We had a chance to catch up a few years back when we had him judge our county fair in Abilene two years in a row. He made a great impression on my two daughters. We will miss him but cherish the memories of our times together. Our prayers are with you today and may He comfort you through this time. Kevin Harris, Abilene

Kevin Harris - December 03, 2021 at 10:44 AM

RR

I want to send my condolences to Dwayne's family. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I have many special memories of him. Prayers for peace, comfort and healing for the family.

Rebecca Reese - December 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.



December 02, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.*



December 02, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ *I worked with Dwayne for several years at SEK-VoTech and CCC. What can I say!! His students loved him, his coworkers admired him for all his hard work. And that didn't end at the spring semester! It was year round as he helped his students in the summer with FFA projects.*

Dwayne was also a great family man, he was so very proud of his sons and later grands.

He will be missed by so many. My condolences to the Messner Family.

Belinda Robison

Belinda Robison - December 02, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.*



December 02, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.



December 02, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.



December 01, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.



December 01, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.



December 01, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.*



November 29, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.*



November 29, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.*



November 28, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dwayne Elton Messner.*



November 24, 2021 at 08:55 PM

VV

“ I did not really know Mr. Messner, but I did see him about twice a week for the last two school years. I do know that he loved his grandchildren dearly and that I will miss his smile and kind words when he picked them up from school. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Messner family.

Vicki Vaughan - November 24, 2021 at 08:23 PM

AK

“ Shared many a discussion about education and family. I was always impressed with his positive view of life. He saw the possibilities of student. I know he will be missed. Prayers of comfort and peace.

Allene and Ron Knedlik - November 24, 2021 at 06:23 PM

MH

“ Dwayne was a special man. Someone who was also friendly. Charlotta I am sorry to hear this.

Mary Hardiman - November 24, 2021 at 02:57 PM

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“ There are folks you like to avoid as you walk the daily lanes of life.

Dwayne Messner was just the opposite. You almost stepped into his path so you could hear his voice and see his face. He was known by thousands of friends, former students and family loved ones.

Nobody in the world was more helpful than Dwayne — an attribute he inherited from two precious parents, Claude and Eleanor Messner. The entire family is known for giving away their love, food, possessions and anything else found in their shops and barns.

The Messner and Anderson families leave behind immeasurable riches when they exit this world. Yet the diamonds and silver they amass are not the kind that will show up on a financial statement or bank balance. Such wealth is measured in the tears being shed throughout this region today, because everyone who knew Dwayne carried his friendship with them forever.

He certainly brightened our world, didn't he?

Rudy Taylor - November 24, 2021 at 02:09 PM