



Wayne Sledge

October 16, 1932 - September 5, 2017

On September 5, Roe Wayne “Big Daddy” Sledge peacefully went to be with the Lord at the age of 84. Born in Wills Point, TX on October 16, 1932, to Sterling Emmett and Julia Mae Sledge, Wayne grew up in Wills Point and Dallas. He married Elizabeth Charlyne Rankin, daughter of Joe Maxie and Mattie Lu Rankin of Wills Point, on February 1, 1953. Wayne is survived by: wife of 64 years, Charlyne; son, Maxie Wayne Sledge; daughter, Julia Lu Rosol and husband Joe; six grandchildren: Mandy Howard, Ashley Thieman and husband Ben, Chelsea Sledge, Haley Sledge, Meredith Vance and husband Steve, Michael Rosol and wife Lara; eight great-grandchildren: (Mandy: Mason Wayne, Jackson Joseph, Maddison Julia), (Ashley: Colton Neal); (Meredith: Taylor and Kaitlyn); (Michael: Bode and Mees); sister, Sandra Baumann; brother, Lindy Lee Sledge and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Truman Sledge of Wills Point.

During high school, Wayne was the kicker on the football team and center on the basketball team. After a time at Henderson County Junior College, owning a service station with his brother, and living in Tyler, Garland, and Mesquite, he and Charlyne settled in Plano, TX, in 1963, where they lived for 22 years. Wayne worked in the motor freight industry for over 30 years in Dallas. He continued playing basketball for church teams and loved to bowl. Much of his off time, especially in the spring and summer months, was spent repairing, remodeling, and maintaining the neighborhood swimming pool. He

volunteered thousands of hours during 2 decades of service to his community in order to ensure that the neighborhood kids had a top-notch, safe place to spend the summer days and a welcoming environment for families to gather and build a strong sense of community. But, first and foremost, was his family. Supporting whatever the kids were into at the time, and making sure that his wife and children were happy and healthy, was his top priority. In their later years, Wayne and Charlyne moved back east to Terrell, toward their childhood home, in order to return to a small town environment and to be closer to their families in Wills Point. Wayne loved to restore and refinish antique furniture as a master carpenter and craftsman, as well as work on cars as an accomplished mechanic. A devoted fan of John Wayne (and his namesake by his mother), which he passed on to his kids, he exemplified a lot of the same traits of hard work, independence, ruggedness, forthrightness, tenderness, and a quiet love for family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Terrell, TX, on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at 11:00.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Tribute Wall



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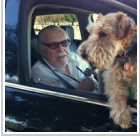
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