



Wayne Neely Courtney

October 19, 1935 - September 12, 2022

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Though our hearts are broken, we rejoice in announcing that our precious Daddy and Papaw, Wayne Neely Courtney, age 86, of Forrest City, was called to his heavenly home on Monday, September 12, 2022. He was surrounded by his daughters.

Mr. Courtney was born October 19, 1935, to Genevieve and Richard Courtney, where he grew up the oldest of three boys. He married the love of his life in 1954, Gloria Cox and enlisted in the Army National Guard and went on to have four daughters. After being honorably discharged, together they owned Courtney Oil Company that they later sold. Wayne was elected as Arkansas State Representative and then served in St. Francis County as Tax Assessor, Treasurer, and finally St. Francis County Judge.

After retiring, Wayne enjoyed spending time tinkering in his shop, working on tractors, and planting peas and turnip greens. His family always teased him that he was trying to feed the entire county. Wayne was also an avid Arkansas Razorback fan. When he wasn't traveling to watch the hogs, he could always be found calling the hogs at home.

His most enjoyable days were spent with his family, especially Sunday

lunches after church. From time spent at his treasured family pond to supper and the traditional game of rook, nothing made him more happy than a house full of his girls and grandchildren. Wayne lived out the remainder of his life continuing his service to his church and community and surrounding himself in the love of his family.

He is survived by four daughters; Sonya Poe, Cindy Massey, and husband, Allen, Susan Hanson, and husband, Mike, and Cheryl Wiemeyer, and husband, Dutch, seven grandchildren; Meredith Poe Reeves, Melanie Massey, Michelle Massey Garner, Courtney Massey Nance, Jennifer Hanson Jackson, Mitch Hanson, and Jessie Hanson Watson, and twelve great-grandchildren; Neely Poe, John Henry Poe III, Brayden Harris, Cody Garner, William and Charlotte Nance, Mackenze Jackson, Henry, Georgia and Hayden Hanson and Jack and Max Watson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria, of sixty-seven years, two brothers; David Courtney and Dale Courtney, one son-in-law, Johnny Poe, and one grandson, Michael Poe.

Services for Mr. Courtney will be held Graveside, 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, at the Bell Cemetery in Palestine. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to be made to the First Baptist Church, Administrative Fund, 507 North Rosser, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Bell Cemetery

Palestine, AR 72372

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

SEP 14 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ Condolences to family and friends. I worked with Wayne during his years as treasurer and county judge as the news guy at KXJK and KBFC radio in the 1990s on thru 2003. He was always a friendly fellow with a good sense of humor. May he find peace and rest in heaven above.

Mark Kumming - October 02, 2022 at 10:10 PM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Neely Courtney



Shirley Williams Thorn - September 19, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CM

“ I so enjoyed growing up at FBC and being around Mr. Wayne. His smile could light up a room, and I looked forward to his big hugs. Prayers for his family as they adjust to life here in Earth without him.

Cindy McEuen - September 17, 2022 at 03:50 PM

KF

“ Sonya, My deepest condolences to you and your family. Many warm thoughts and prayers are sent to you and yours on your dad's passing.

Kim Horton Flanigin

Kimberly Horton Flanigin - September 16, 2022 at 10:09 PM

CR

“ I will always remember the fun times in the pond. Prayers & Love to all.

Cindy Poe Roberts - September 15, 2022 at 11:04 AM

SC

“ We loved Mr. Courtney so much and enjoyed taking care of him! We will miss his wonderful stories, and that wonderful sense of humor! Prayers for your family during this very difficult time.

Staff @ Baptist Cancer Center Crittenden - September 15, 2022 at 07:35 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Wayne Neely Courtney.



September 15, 2022 at 07:32 AM

DG

“ Don Gibson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wayne Neely Courtney.



Don Gibson - September 14, 2022 at 09:40 PM

MH

“ I only met Mr. Courtney one time but I felt like I knew him a lifetime! Such a sweet man. I know his family will miss him terribly but I know in my heart he is rejoicing being with the love of his life. My thoughts and prayers to the Courtney Family. Marilyn Hale

Marilyn Hale - September 14, 2022 at 12:57 PM

PH

“ Thoughts and Prayers at this difficult time
Patricia Higgs, Stephanie, Skipper



Patricia Higgs - September 14, 2022 at 09:26 AM

TC

“ So sorry to hear of his passing-I have fond memories of working for him in the Assessor's Office and the Courthouse for so many years-
Teresa Campbell, Marion AR

Teresa Campbell - September 14, 2022 at 09:02 AM

PW

“ Peggy Robinson Wright lit a candle in memory of Wayne Neely Courtney



Peggy Robinson Wright - September 14, 2022 at 12:16 AM

MB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and love to the family and friends.*

Margaret Blaylock - September 13, 2022 at 11:21 PM

CJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. May the Lord give you peace and the assurance that he has received the ultimate reward and rejoined his heavenly family.*

Chris & Diana Jordan - September 13, 2022 at 01:40 PM