



## Donald Wayne Pittman

April 28, 1929 - January 16, 2020

Donald Wayne Pittman was born April 28, 1929 in Beggs, Oklahoma to the late Albert and Gertrude (Jamison) Pittman. He passed away Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Clarehouse in Tulsa. He was 90 years of age.

Don was raised in Beggs and graduated from Beggs High School in 1947. He married Jacqueline June Anderson on May 28, 1949 in Beggs. He attended Fort Hayes State College and received his Bachelor Degree in Industrial Arts and Physical Education. He completed a Master Degree in Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and went on to receive his Superintendent Certification from the University of Oklahoma. Don spent his career teaching, coaching and in administration in schools throughout Oklahoma, including Beggs, Blackwell, Lexington, Maud, El Reno, Mounds, Watonga, Geary, Canton, Grove and Tulsa Christian School. He retired from Grove Public Schools in 1986. After retirement he went to work in Okmulgee and was director of an adult shelter workshop cleaning offices and mowing lawns. Don was especially fond of his horse "Babe" and dog "Cricket". He enjoyed playing the guitar, singing, playing golf and listening to country music, but his greatest love was being with his family. He was a First Baptist Church Deacon.

Don will be remembered for his generosity and for being the life of the party.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jackie, brothers, Floyd, Lloyd, and Lester Pittman and sisters, Maxine Swearingen, Mary Holden, Jean Eden and Ann Beamon.

Survivors include his children, Marlee Norris and husband Gene of Dike, Texas, Ron Pittman and wife Karen of Edmond, Jane Jump and husband Tim of Ponca City, Bonnie Christenson and husband Dale of Pawhuska, and Sam Pittman and wife Jamie of Fayetteville, Arkansas, grandchildren, Jeff Jump, April Offutt and husband Jeremy, Lyndsay Pittman, Skyler Pittman, Jake Christenson and wife Brett and Luke Christenson and wife Jillian, great grandchildren, Brynn and Reese Offutt, Baylor, Rylan, Ember, June, Hunter, Lily, Colt and Ellie Mae Christenson, sisters, Billie Sue Shaull and Delores Gish and a

foster sister, Kathy Garringer, numerous nieces and nephews and countless lives he has touched that are too numerous to mention. Don is also survived by the Holden and Crittendon families, who loved and cared for him throughout his life.

Friends may visit the funeral home on Monday, January 20, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. and the family will be present from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. to receive friends.

A funeral service will be held 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Mounds with Reverend Don Crittendon officiating. Interment will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery in Mounds. Casketbearers will be Ron Pittman, Sam Pittman, Skyler Pittman, Jeff Jump, Jake Christenson, and Luke Christenson. Honorary casketbearers will be Gene Norris, Dale Christenson, Ray Holden, Jim Beard, Keith Shaul, Jeff Culbert, Jeremy Offutt and Dan Garringer.

Memorial contributions may be made in Don's memory to Clarehouse, 7617 South Mongo Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Don's Tribute Page of our website at <http://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Oakwood Cemetery-Mounds City Cemetery**

Mounds, OK,

**JAN 20 Viewing 01:00PM - 06:00PM**

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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs  
205 West Main PO Box 750 (for mail), Beggs,  
OK, US, 74421

**JAN 20 Visitation 04:00PM - 06:00PM**

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**JAN 21 Funeral Service 01:00PM**

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First Baptist Church of Mounds  
101 E. 14th St, Mounds, OK, US, 74047

# Comments

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“ As kids growing up, we very seldom told our mentors thank you until it's too late. Don Pittman was one of my mentors that helped shape me. Although you usually don't realize this until you are older and looking back as you began your adult life. I wish I had that opportunity. I know Don made an impact on every student he came in contact with during his career in the school system. I want to say Thank You to a great man and friend. Sam and Bonnie I would like to say thank you for your friendship during our high school days in Canton Oklahoma. Thinking of all of you during this time. Relish the memories I know they were all good ones.  
David Hightower

David Hightower - January 20, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ Catherine has a fond memory of being with Uncle Don & Aunt Jackie. Uncle Don is driving and Aunt Jackie is in the front seat. Of course, Uncle Don is driving like a bat out of hell. Catherine & I are riding in the back seat. I think we were going to one of Sam's games in Jonesboro. C & I are a little frightened in the back seat, but Aunt Jackie is in the front seat painting her nails - just as calm as a cucumber. C finally asked Aunt Jackie how she did it. Aunt Jackie said "Oh honey, I just learned to do my nails and never look up!" I think she must have had a lot of faith in God to go along with that!! Also, I can just hear Uncle Don walking up to Uncle G.W. & saying "Hey, what's going on?" Twin Karen Pittman

Karen Pittman (Twin) - January 20, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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“ I think my sister, Karen Pittman, expressed the gift of our Uncle, Uncle Boog the best when she said "He made you feel important when you were around him". No matter who you were, you were made to feel important around Uncle Boog. It was genuine. Few people you will meet in life have this gift. Because he had this gift you wanted to be around him. You wanted to be around this Uncle who made you feel significant and made you feel that whatever you were doing had significance. He will be greatly missed. He was, is, and all ways will be an inspiration to all who were blessed to know him. Steve Pittman

Steve Pittman - January 20, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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“ I had the honor of being invited into Don and Jackie's home with Sam. What a great man, funny, hard-working and a real calm man in a storm. Fortunate to get to know the family! Love Marlee, Jane, Bonnie, Ron and Sam. Easy to see why the family was so close and why all members serve with great hearts. Don, likewise was gifted in dealing with parents, teachers and kids in the school systems he served. Definitely praying for the whole family as they gather to remember Don.

**Mark Willis** - January 19, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ He was always my Uncle Boog. I cherish the visits although always brief. I am sure there is a wonderful reunion taking place in heaven at this moment. To all his family and friends, I would like to extend our sympathies from the Holden's.  
Very Respectfully,  
Jimmy "Doug" Holden

**Jimmy "Doug" Holden** - January 19, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ I only attended Watonga High School for one year before moving, but of my multiple schools I attended Mr. Pittman was by far my best Principal I ever had. He would sign me and Earl Hartfield out of the afternoon study hall to go run. Sometimes we ran and sometimes we just hid out! Mr Pittman was always guarding our backs. Rest In Peace my friend you were someone I always looked up to! A great roll model!

**george scott** - January 18, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ Spent much of my time in high school with Mr Pittman in the Principal's Office at the request of Mr Widney. We spent more time talking about football than my deportment. He's was always my favorite Principal. Love ya Mr Pittman.

**Tim Nelson** - January 17, 2020 at 10:41 PM

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“ Wonderful man, coach, and teacher (probably responsible for starting my interest in science-lead to engineering). So many wonderful memories, rest in peace my friend.. Prayers for comfort for the family.. Blessed to know him.

**Jon Robin Rupert** - January 17, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ I meet my uncle Donald when my mother took me out to Oklahoma to meet the family. He met the bus at Beggs when I was about 8 months old. He carried me all the way to the home. This was about 76 years ago. I have always looked up to him from that day forward.

One time he came down to Russellville to build some large doors for a service station Dad was building. Those doors lasted for years. I can still remember watching him build the doors.

Mike Pittman

Mike Pittman - January 17, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ Don & his family lived in Watonga for a time. They were a great family & an asset to our community. Sam was a classmate & friend of our son, Marty. Our love & prayers are with all Don's family as they grieve his loss. Joan & Howard Hursh

Joan Hursh - January 17, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ Wonderful man, teacher, Great coach and cousin. So many wonderful memories, rest in peace my friend.. Prayers for comfort for the family.. Blessed to know him.

Jo Anne Foreman - January 17, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ So sit for your loss. A great educator and man.

**Jim McClendon** - January 17, 2020 at 12:08 PM



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**Jim McClendon** - January 17, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ I remember him very vividly in high school. He was a good football player. He later coached Lou & Nancy in basketball an assistant football coach to my brother Jeff. He played guitar, his relative Cecil Holden showed me the western swing beat on guitar and encouraged me to play. A great guy from a great family.

**Scott L Pendergrass** - January 18, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ No words could ever explain how wonderful both Don and Jackie were as our next door neighbors in Mounds. We were both young with small children and they took us under their wing and truly cared for us like we were a couple of their own children. Each and everyday Don would always take a minute or two out of his day to visit with us. Many a day my kids would be playing outside and when I would go out to check on them, they would have slipped through the gate to go over to talk with Don and Jackie or would be playing with their dog Heck. I would always apologize, but Don would always tell me he wanted them to be over there and for me to just leave them alone. Wonderful man and wonderful memories for my family.

Steve and Kandy Lynch

**KANDY LYNCH** - January 21, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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**Lyndsay Pittman** - January 16, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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