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Jess "Jay" Floyd Dudley was born on January 29, 1921, to Floyd and Floy Dudley in Westville, Oklahoma. Following graduation from Westville High School, Jay was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1942. There he served his country during World War II as an aircraft mechanic on the B-26 Marauder. He earned a bronze star for his involvement in the Normandy Invasion and Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he rekindled a friendship with Winifred Whelchel, also of Westville, and the two were married two weeks later. They moved to Tahlequah, OK where he earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Education and Masters of Science degree in Teaching from Northeastern State University. His first job was as principal at Cave Springs School (Oklahoma) where he remained for 17 years until he took a principal position in Nickerson, Kansas. He later served as a school administrator in Bentonville, Arkansas and Oilton, Oklahoma. Apart from work in the school, Jay loved gardening. He always left the backyard of his home more beautiful than when he arrived. He was also a carpenter and a fixer-upper, but most of all, Jay was the world's greatest Papa to his 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He and Winifred always remained active in their lives. They volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, Meals on Wheels, Grace Hospice, the Baptist Ministry Center and Reaching Hands. Additionally, they loved attending as many of their kids' & grandkids' sports events, school activities, concerts, church events, birthday parties, graduations and marriages they possibly could. A grandchild never left the house without Papa telling them how he loved them and how beautiful or handsome they were. More than being an important person in so many lives, he was a Godly man. He was a faithful servant of God and lived by example a Godly life. Jay was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bob Dudley; sisters Oowala Blanton and Frances Alderson; son, Larry Dudley; grandson, Brandt Henderson. He is survived by his wife, Winifred, of 70 years; two sons, Dayne and his wife Kristina and Wayne and his wife Tammy all of



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Tulsa; two daughters Jayne White and her husband Ron of Springfield, MO and Kelly Henderson and her husband Michael of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Brandon White, Shannon McFadden, Kelsey Sanchez and her husband Luis, Courtney Dudley, Dino Henderson and his wife Lenore, Drew Henderson, Rhett A. Henderson, Christian Dudley, Olivia Dudley, McLain Dudley, and Molly Dudley; great-grandchildren, Jesse Henderson, Luke Henderson, Lennon Sanchez and Elijah Sanchez. Service will be held 3 p.m., Sunday, August 14 at Floral Haven Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, OK. Immediately following the service will be a Reception with the family in the adjoining Family Life Center. All are invited to share with us in this celebration of Jay's life. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, August 13 at Floral Haven..



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JW

Jayne White posted:

Thank you Trudy. We love hearing from teachers & students who knew him as an educator. We all enjoyed the years my parents lived in Bentonville. Jayne

August 26 at 2:00 PM

DF

Duane Fenton posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Dudley family. As a student at Nickerson High School in the early 70's we had the pleasure of having Mr. Dudley as the school's Vice Principle. My fondest memory was when I had to pay a visit to his office my senior year. All he had to say was " Well Mr. Fenton, what do you think your dad would think about the stunt you did." He then asked me if I wanted him to tell dad or if I should tell him myself. That's all it took. He did more for the kids at NHS then most people ever knew. It is a blessing to have known him. Duane Fenton

August 22 at 6:13 PM

DA

Donna Ramsey Alumbaugh posted:

Mr. Dudley and his family were our neighbors for several years in Nickerson, Ks. They were so supportive and friendly as friends and neighbors. He was our high school principal also at this time. Great guy, and family.

August 22 at 2:12 PM

JC

Jean Croley posted:

A teacher I respected. The memories of school at cave springs are fondly remembered. My condolences to Mrs. Dudley and the family. Jean w croley

August 16 at 10:36 AM

JW

Jayne Dudley. White posted:

I just added a few special memories of with our Dad, aka Papa, Buddy, Mr. Dudley,

August 13 at 9:14 AM



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TK

Trudy Karnes posted:

So sorry to read of the passing of Mr Dudley. He was the principal of Bentonville High School when I taught there in the mid-seventies. I knew him to be a courteous and professional administrator/boss, someone who relied more on the power of reason and kindness than on the power of fear and admonishment. I know you will miss him. My condolences to you all. Trudy Karnes

August 13 at 8:31 AM

JP

Jerry Pogue posted:

Dayne, sorry for your loss. But it's comforting to realize he had a full and blessed life.

August 12 at 3:12 AM

DM

Dennis Mclemore posted:

Thank you for your service to our country. Also, thank you for being a great school teacher and school principal. I am glad to have known you and your family.-Dennis McLemore, Cave Springs High School class of 1967.

August 10 at 1:05 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jess by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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