



# V. George Dorsch

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**V** George Dorsch was born on March 9, 1924 in Coffeyville, Kansas and died of natural causes on January 13, 2011 at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his parents: George F. Dorsch and Cathrina Dorsch, proud German immigrants from Schwab, Russia; his brother: Eugene Dorsch; sister: Dolly Whisenhunt; and son: Randy Dorsch. He graduated from Webster High School and Oklahoma A&M with honors and his Master's degree from Tulsa University. In 1942 – 1945 he was in World War II serving in the 244th Army Air Force in Italy. He returned to duty as a 1st Lt. in the Army from 1951 and inactive from 1952 to 1955. In the 1946 – 1947 Wrestling NCAA Championship representing Oklahoma A&M, he was awarded the 175lb NCAA Championship. He began his wrestling coaching and teaching career at Stillwater High School and entered the Tulsa Public School System in 1949 as wrestling coach, science teacher, and counselor at Central High School until he became Assistant Principal at East Central High School before retiring in 1987. He ran the Night School Operation and GED testing at East Central until 1993. He loved being a teacher and all the boys he coached through the years. His love of gardening, flowers and birds was evidenced by his yard. His joy in catching fish and being out on the lake was something to behold. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years: Joan; 4 children: Cheryl Dorsch Mattern, Leslie, Pamela and Scott Pickell; grandchildren: Bill Mattern, Ryan, Tyler, Kyle, and Kelsy Pickell; numerous and well loved nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, 10:00 AM in the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.



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CM

**Carol J Ellis Means** posted:

My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. George Dorsch. I was a student at East Central High School graduating in 1971. Mr. Dorsch provided career/course guidance as the assistant principal. Since then, I have had a 35-year career in nursing mainly at Saint Francis. I had the utmost respect for this man and the contributions he made to the education of all my classmates.

January 24 at 11:07 AM

MW

**Molly Turley Wilson** posted:

I had the privilege of being in Coach Dorsch's class at Central High School. In all my years of receiving an education, I have never had a better educator, counselor, and true friend. Each student received the same nurturing and push to be the best that we could be, in everything that we undertook, not just the class room. Coach Dorsch made a tremendous impact on every one he touched.

January 22 at 11:16 AM

MM

**Mary Dorsch Mushrush** posted:

I will miss my Uncle George very much. He was always so sweet to me and seemed to have such a gentle nature. We both shared a love of our family's Germans from Russia history, so he was my genealogy buddy. I'll miss sharing that with him, and all of our little chats. He was so much like my dad Gene, his brother, just a very very good man. You have fought the good fight Uncle George, rest in peace, I love you.

January 22 at 11:06 AM

DG

**Don Gallier** posted:

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Coach Dorsch. He was a man of integrity, and he left a lifelong impression on me. I was lucky to have him as my coach for one season at East Central in 1968-69. I learned what a great teacher of wrestling he was, but more importantly, he was a powerful man of strength and character. He earned a great deal of respect from the students at EC by his efforts to guide us to do what was right. I too, chose a career in education, I was a wrestling coach as well, and today I am an assistant principal in Virginia. My career mirrored Coach Dorsch in many ways, and hopefully the impression I leave with my students are a reflection of the example Coach Dorsch left with me. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed by all that were lucky to know him

January 22 at 9:51 AM



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GT

**Gary Taylor** posted:

I wrestled at Tulsa Central from 1956-57 and was in Coach Dorsch's class. I have thought a lot about him through the years. He was an excellent coach who did well with his teams- and he was an excellent teacher. I still remember visiting OSU and seeing a picture of him doing a one-hand chin-up in one of the halls of the arena. Please accept my condolences concerning his passing.

January 21 at 1:27 PM

TP

**Trish Pointer** posted:

George was so loved and so dear to all of us. He was always kind and considerate and generous. He was gentle without being weak, firm without being hard, always patient, always loving, and with tremendous intelligence and strength of character. The world has lost one of the really good guys and he will long be remembered and missed.

January 21 at 10:26 AM

RW

**Regan Wright** posted:

I extend to the family my most heartfelt sympathy on the death of George Dorsch. Coach Dorsch was my high school wrestling coach for three years, 1955 – 1957, at Tulsa Central High School. He was a tremendous person, an outstanding college wrestler at Oklahoma A&M, a great teacher and high school wrestling coach. He was a very special person who helped mold the lives of many high school students. I hope his family will find comfort in the good memories and in the happy years they shared. Regan Wright San Diego, Ca

January 20 at 3:25 PM

BK

**Bunny Dorsch Kragel** posted:

My Uncle George was a sweet man. I loved him very much and will miss him. He will live forever in my heart. Rest in peace Uncle George.

January 20 at 11:21 AM

TP

**Tyler Pickell** posted:

Baba was a kind, and loving grandfather. He was full of knowledge and advice that he shared with me, and I will never forget that. He had a great sense of humor that I admired him for. I will miss you Baba. Love Tyler.

January 19 at 4:55 PM



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RP

**Ryan Pickell** posted:

Baba as I lovingly knew him was a very special person, and I will miss having him as my grandfather. I will always remember him as a loving man who put his family first. I have had the special opportunity over the past couple of years while going to school in Dallas to visit Baba and Nana in Tulsa. During the trips to visit them I was able to grow closer to him and realize how blessed I was able to have him in my family. I know he was a man of faith and is with the Lord now. I truly miss him, but I am so fortunate to have been given the time with him that I had.

January 19 at 8:53 AM

KP

**Kyle Pickell** posted:

Some of my earliest childhood memories are when I flew out to Oklahoma to see Baba. Baba would always greet us with a big hug and a warm smile! I use to love calling Baba on the phone when I was little and he would ask me about school, sports, or anything in general. Baba was a big teddy bear. My most cherished memory with Baba was when he flew out from Oklahoma and got to see me play baseball. He was a stern man, but the nicest and most warm-hearted I've known. I will miss him greatly.

January 18 at 12:44 PM

LP

**Lyn Pickell** posted:

Our family will really miss the man our children knew as "Baba". George was such a kind and loving man. I remember with each child we had, George would always say that a home could never have enough children. I know his words hold true. George was so methodical in everything he did and yet would take the time to play with our children. One of my favorite memories was seeing him dance with our daughter around the Christmas tree when she was only two years old and dressed in her purple tutu. George even put on the princess crown. He rolled with the punches. He didn't always like to have his photo taken and when he was in our home, that was something he couldn't avoid. When our family was at San Diego, we asked him to smile one more time for a photo and he gave us the funniest sneer, that we all will never forget. He was a good husband to Joan and we are so grateful for that. We will always hold a special place in our hearts for George and will never forget him!!!! In Christ's love, Lyn

January 18 at 12:22 PM



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**Kelsy Pickell** posted:

George was my Grandfather and I knew him as Baba. I didn't get to see him as much as I would have liked to, but when he came out to visit or if my family went out to Oklahoma I always had a great time seeing him. He was always so nice and his personality was very warm. Some of the most clear memories I have of him is that he loved to work in his yard and rake up leaves. He was a very smart guy and I admired that about him. I have never known a man who loved pies like Baba did, sometimes he would have his pie before lunch and then he would sneak another piece after he ate. We will miss him very much.

January 18 at 12:07 PM

TC

**Tim Cremin** posted:

V. George Dorsch was a great man and one of my heroes. I remember him allowing me to be on the 1957 Central High School wrestling team. He would wrestle the whole team one after another from the lightest weight to heavy weight. We all knew of his abilities and he was always helpful and inspiring.

January 18 at 11:08 AM

JB

**Jenifer B.** posted:

I didn't get to know George very well sadly, but I was happy to have known him since I was a little kid. I remember the fun times at his house with Joan as a kid and I'll never forget what a kind and loving person he was. My thoughts and prayers are with Joan and the family.

January 17 at 7:41 PM

SD

**Sue Diple** posted:

I will miss my Uncle George so much! He was always available for a visit and ready for a big hug anytime. He was my last remaining connection to my Dad (Uncle George's brother) and I somehow felt like I could feel my Dad whenever I could have a conversation or hug from him. Our family has lost a great man and I am going to miss him more than I can express. Susie

January 17 at 11:14 AM



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ES

**Ed And Joanne Stadler** posted:

We had many good, enjoyable times with George along with Joan: a cross country bus trip, (oh how he loved those meals), bridge games (a very methodical, masterful player), dinners and evenings of fun and fellowship. Ed reflects on sharing the great poker evenings with George along with the guys. George was always a true gentleman, good buddy, a very caring, loving, and considerate friend. We all will miss his smile and laughter, his ready wit, his presence and thoughtfulness of others. May the Lord be with you Joan and the family as you reflect on the warm memories of a great partner, husband, father, and grandfather. We pray you will feel HIS presence, comfort and peace as you go through this difficult time. Our love with HIS, Ed and Joanne

January 16 at 5:49 PM

SB

**Sally Bowen** posted:

It was a an honor, and a pleasure being his sister-in-law, I will miss him, he was much loved by the family..

January 16 at 3:33 PM

MH

**Melba A. Hora** posted:

George was a great husband and father. I know you all will miss him so much. Praise the Lord for all the wonderful years you were able to share with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Hope to see you on Saturday at the memorial service. God Bless You, Melba

January 16 at 3:32 PM

SP

**Scott Pickell** posted:

George, We will miss you! You were a good man, a great husband to my Mom, a good friend to all who knew you, unselfish, and just an enjoyable person to know. Love Scott

January 16 at 1:12 PM



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