



Augustine Horatio Ledesma

August 28, 1934 - July 10, 2020

"Private Graveside Services"

Augustine "Augie" Horatio Ledesma was born on August 28, 1934 to Bartolo and Juana (Martinez) Ledesma in Avard, Oklahoma. He passed away on Friday, July 10, 2020 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, Wichita, KS at the age of 85.

Augie grew up in Avard and Alva and graduated from Alva High School in 1952. He was proud to be an Alva Goldbug. After graduation, Augie attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated in 1956 with a BS degree in Secondary Education/Physical Education. He also played baseball while in college and was a member of the "N" Lettermen's Club. He married Iva LaJune Murrow on February 2, 1957 in Clayton, New Mexico. Following their marriage they made their home in Jefferson, Oklahoma and then Lovewell, Kansas before returning to Alva in 1958. To their marriage four children were born, Elena, Charmaine, Michael, and Teresa. His teaching and coaching career took him to Maize, Wichita, Little River, Belle Plaine and Conway Springs, all in Kansas, where he retired after 43 years of teaching and coaching football, boys and girls basketball, and boys and girls track. He was fondly called "Coach Dad" by his girls teams because when he coached his daughters they heard them yell "Dad" and the others adopted the endearment. He coached all of his kids in various sports. Augie loved baseball, in which he coached his son in summer leagues, and was a die-hard NY Yankees fan, through thick and thin. His football passion was with the OU

Sooners and watched them whenever they were on tv. He also had a fondness for monkeys, his kids don't know why; but he loved getting monkey/chimp gifts and even had two statues of them on each side of his porch to welcome visitors. Augie kept current on world affairs and loved to do crossword puzzles. He eventually moved to Haysville, KS where he resided to be closer to his dialysis treatments.

Augie is survived by his four children: Teresa Wessels of Colby Kansas, Michael and Tracy Ledesma of Berryville, Arkansas, Charmaine and Scott Rathgeber of Kiowa, Kansas and Elena and Glenn Hayes of Guthrie, Oklahoma; five grandchildren: Shandi Roesener and husband, Colton, Alex Ledesma, Kentra Staats and husband, Colby, and Michael and Whitney Hayes; four great-grandchildren: Henley and Tristan Roesener and Easton and Kyler Staats; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, LaJune; his parents, his brothers, Frank and Sam Ledesma, his sisters, Julia Arredondo, Juanita Starks, and Mary (Martinez) Hemmingway and their spouses, son-in-law, Ado Wessels, and a grandson, Matthew Ledesma.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations be made to: The Kansas Dialysis Association, PO Box 47095, Wichita, KS 67201 or Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S Market, Wichita, KS 67202 or at their website: www.Hynesmemorial.org

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Augustine Horatio Ledesma*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - July 14, 2020 at 07:49 PM

KS

I enjoyed having Coach Ledesma as a teacher. I can parallel park and change a tire because of him. My condolences to his family.

Kim Kindle Steinle - July 15, 2020 at 10:23 PM

MH

“ *Thank you to all of you who have shared memories of my Dad and for the condolences. We knew he touched many lives, but is always nice to see how he touched you individually. Again thank you.*

Maria Elena Hayes - August 07, 2020 at 01:54 PM

MM

“ *I enjoyed having Augie for a coach during my time at Maize High School, Class of '64.*
Marc Monasmith

Marc Monasmith - July 23, 2020 at 09:38 PM

RM

“ *Elena, Charmaine, Michael, Teresa and families.*

Sorry to hear of the passing of your dad.

I always very much enjoyed holiday season when we would all congregate at the Grandparents house and get a chance to visit.

It has been almost 10 years already since I last talked to Augie and even then he was still the same up beat guy I had always remembered. You all stay safe and cherish the many fond memories.

Rick and Anita Murrow

Rick Murrow - July 17, 2020 at 11:51 AM

PA

“ *Me. Ledesma was always a favorite teacher of mine at Maize High. I'm sure I was far from his Best student in Spanish but he kept trying til I'd succeed. I have fond memories of his humor and love of teaching! He was a Wonderful man & will be missed by many!*

Patricia Clinesmith Allen - July 17, 2020 at 10:18 AM

JP

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of Mr. Ledesma. He was a phenomenal teacher with impeccable integrity who I always respected. Looking back at my youth now as an adult I hold him in such high regard as someone that impacted me in such a positive way that I will always treasure. May God give you strength in your time of need.*

Janet Probst - July 17, 2020 at 10:16 AM

TG

“ Deepest condolences and prayers to the family. Mr. Ledesma was one of the greatest. He will be dearly missed.

Tiffany Varble-Gonzalez

Tiffany Gonzalez - July 16, 2020 at 09:58 PM

MT

“ Augie was a good guy and a great neighbor to my dad, Wish Ternes. Many an evening, they would sit on the patio, drink a beer, visit and solve all of the world's problems. Then they would do it all over again the next evening. He will be missed.

Mike Ternes

Mike Ternes - July 16, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JH

“ I was a student at Maize High School and he was my teacher. He was great in Spanish Class but the best part was the meal at their house at the end of a semester. As a coach, he was always there for the athletes. He made a big impact on a lot of students from my class. 1968.

Janet Kohl

Janet Hoskins - July 16, 2020 at 05:48 PM

RM

“ Angie was a good neighbor to my Mom & Dad (Betty & Wish Ternes) for many years and an excellent coach/teacher in Conway Springs. I am especially thankful for all Angie did for my Dad in the 11 months following my Mom's passing. Dad & Augie sure did look out for one another over the years and my Dad really cherished their conversations! My deepest condolences for your loss! —

Renee' Means

Renee Means - July 16, 2020 at 04:31 PM

PL

“ Mine was one of the lives Mr. Ledesma touched while at Conway Springs. Very sorry to hear of his passing and my condolences to the family.

Paul Lange - July 16, 2020 at 04:21 PM

MK

“ So very sorry for your loss. Mr. Ledesma was a wonderful man who taught and coached our two kids in Conway Springs. I teased him about liking the wrong Baseball team and tell him Go Sox! he would just shake his head..



Mark and Cheryl Kelly - July 16, 2020 at 03:27 PM

LM

“ Hi,
My name is Larry McElwain. Augie was my coach and Spanish teacher from 1962-1966 at Maize High School. He coached me all four years in four sports. "Coach Augie" demanded a lot from his athletes and students. While there were times during those years that I did not understand him when he would say, "when I quit trying to correct you, you should know that I have given up on you." Coach never game up on me and I fully realized by the time I was 24-25 years old what he had taught me.

Sometime in the 1980's, he was in Lawrence, Kansas for the KU Relays. We met there and I got to personally tell him "thank you" and that I then realized his toughness and lessons were for my benefit. To this day, I owe Augie so much. I was blessed to have him as my teacher, coach, and mentor more than I deserved or realized.

My condolences to his kids and grand kids. He will be missed and may he rest in peace from his labors...

Larry K. McElwain
Lawrence, Kansas
mcelwainlk@gmail.com

Larry K. McElwain - July 16, 2020 at 11:53 AM

AB

“ I was a high school student when Coach Ledesma taught and coached for a short time in Jefferson, Oklahoma. He was a good-natured and caring man and this was reflected in his relationships with his students and athletes. When Coach Ledesma taught and coached in the Wichita area, I would occasionally get to visit with him at ballgames at Pratt Skyline. He would be there to watch someone play and I was an administrator at Skyline. I have fond memories of those times and conversations. RIP, Coach.

AC Boland - July 16, 2020 at 11:08 AM

BM

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Bill Millspaugh - July 16, 2020 at 11:06 AM

PM

“ I was a young teacher/coach at Little River when Augie joined our staff in the 1970s. I coached football with him and was a boy's track coach while he was the girls' track coach. He developed an outstanding track team while in Little River, leading the Redskins to a state title or two. He had some great athletes, but one, Sandra Myers still holds the long jump record for All-Classes in Kansas. In addition, she became an Olympic athlete for the U.S. Augie also developed the girls' BB team at Little River. I truly enjoyed the Ledesma family as friends and Augie as a coach and mentor. He had a great family with his wife LaJune, and their 4 children -- Elena, Charmaine, Teresa, and Mike. Our condolences to the family!

Perry (and Shari) McCabe

Perry McCabe - July 15, 2020 at 11:11 PM

RG

“ I will always remember Coach Ledesma as one who encouraged and supported anyone who was out. I achieved goals I never thought possible!! He also was a great Drivers Ed teacher at Little River. I am sorry Elena, Charmaine, Michael and Teresa must travel this road. Please know my prayers are with you all! RIP Coach!

Renee' Janette Goering - July 15, 2020 at 08:59 PM

CK

“ Teresa (TGBL), Mike, Elena, and Charmaine. I'm so sorry for your loss. Your father was a great man who had a lasting affect on every student he coached or taught! I learned a lot from him! Many things that are not in a textbook. Things like character and work ethic. May he Rest In Peace!
Curtis

Curtis Kidwell - July 15, 2020 at 05:05 PM

PE

“ Pat (Wagner) Engelken sent a virtual gift in memory of Augustine Horatio Ledesma



Pat (Wagner) Engelken - July 15, 2020 at 03:10 PM

PW

“ I can remember "Augie" always stopping in to see my Dad (Woody Woodson) when he would visit Alva.....and the many times years back while he was attending NSC....he, brother Sammy, and others in the "gang/crew" would hang out at Dad's station laughing, joking, and telling stories on each other, flipping coins to see who would buy the Cokes, and usually teasing me, if I was there, about something they could cook up. Good times, best of friends, and great memories were made and I never recall a time when tempers flared or feelings got hurt.

I always wondered where the nickname Augie came from but never asked....as almost everybody then had some nickname that just stuck. I only wish that kind of time could exist for more today.

Sincere condolences to the family members. Paul Woodson; OKC

Paul D Woodson - July 14, 2020 at 05:12 PM

MS

“ *Augie was a good friend and guy. In school he was a great baseball player. Going to miss him coming to the Farry Reunion.
From Larry and Margaret Snow in Alva, ok.*

Margaret Snow - July 13, 2020 at 03:46 PM