



Denton Eugene Shepherd

July 31, 1989 - May 18, 2009

Denton Eugene son of Mary Deanne (Black) and Dwight Lynn Shepherd was born on July 31, 1989 in Liberal, Kansas. He passed away suddenly in an automobile accident eight miles west of Alva, Oklahoma on the 18th of May, 2009 at the age of 19 years, 9 months and 18 days.

He was a 2008 graduate of Southwestern Heights High School near Plains, Kansas and was currently attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma.

Denton was studying animal nutrition and working at Northwest Feed and Seed Company in Alva to gain experience in his chosen field of study. He was a member of the NWOSU Rodeo Team where he competed in the team roping. Team roping was one of Denton's favorite hobbies and he loved to rope heels for his brother Dallas.

Denton was a four year Kansas High School Rodeo Association member. He represented Kansas at the National High School Finals in team roping his freshman and sophomore year and cutting during his junior year. He also competed in calf roping. Other memberships included National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, United State Team Roping Championships and he belonged to the First Southern Baptist Church in Liberal, Kansas.

Along with rodeo, he was an avid football and basketball player and lettered all four years in high school. He was recognized by the 3A All-State Coaches Association for 2007-2008 for outstanding defensive play and led the state with the most tackles in 3A.

In his free time Denton enjoyed hunting deer and found it great fun to hunt jack rabbits. He loved the outdoors. He shared the love of the outdoors with his father Dwight Shepherd and brother Dallas.

Denton was a great son, brother, and friend to many. His friends will remember him for his outgoing personality and his quirky sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

Denton was preceded in death, by his mother, Deanne on May 16, 1997, his grandparents, Clifford "Tug" Shepherd, Gene Black, and Mary Francis Embry Black.

He is survived by his father, Dwight; brother, Dallas; grandmother, Barbara Shepherd; two step-grandmothers, Bonnie Shepherd and Sue Black; aunts and uncles: Larry and Tita Black, Duane and Teresa Shepherd, Scott Shepherd, Jennifer Black, Eileen and Jim Blakemore, and Dwana and Mark Farnsworth. Denton had several cousins

There will be no visitation; however there will be a guestbook to sign at the Wharton Funeral Chapel.

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dwight and Dallas, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He will be truly missed. I wish I could have gotten to know him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dixie Shepherd-Christie - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ My deepest sympathy - to lose a love one young and suddenly surely adds to your pain. Psalms 56:8 - "Do put my tears in your skin bottle. Are they not in your book?" God is aware of the tears you are shedding. He will soon fulfill what is written at Revelation 21:4. May this give you hope. Allow those who love you to help you through the difficult times ahead.

Denise - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dwight and Dallas, I am so very sorry for the loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you always. Trust in the Lord and lean upon his understanding, even though it seems so hard to do right now. May God bless you and keep you always.

Love, Melissa

Melissa Morton - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We are very sorry for lose. We have had you in our prayer and will keep you there. May God hold you tight through this very difficult time.

Some of the rodeo family

Russell, Shelley ,Sheldon & Shakota Field - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

JC, Nancy and Zack Parkin

JC, Nancy, and Zack - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Dallas - Dwight ,and Nat,be assured my friends that at this time in your lives there is only ONE set of footprints in the sand,,,,GOD is going to carry you through this. Our hearts are broken with yours with the loss of Denton,the very short time I was able to spend with him I became a big fan ,I loved his spirit and admired his ability. Dallas ,,rest assured that you did a very good job of looking after your little brother he appreciated that more than you`ll ever know,,it`s his turn to look over you till that appointed time. GOD BLESS GOD SPEED to you John*

John T. Jenkin - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Dwight and Dallas,*

We are so very, very sorry and saddened for the loss of a wonderful young man, son and brother. May you receive God's grace of strenght for today, peace for tomorrow and an understanding for the future. Your loss here on earth is a gain for those waiting in Heaven. Dallas, we love you and are holding you and your family in our prayers.

Tommy and Angela Puffinbarger - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Bill & Kathy Winchell - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dwight & Dallas, What a amazing job the two of you did in making Denton the special young man he became. It is some comfort to know that he is with his mother, but still so very hard to understand. You are in my thoughts and prayers and my heart goes out to you.

Cheri Miller - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Dwight and Dallas: There are no words to express the saddness upon hearing about Denton's untimely passing. I have fond memories of you young men as little boys at Kismet Grade School. My nickname for you two...Big D and Little D. You and your family members are in my thoughts and prayers during the days to come.

Linda Standard - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dwight and Dallas- I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I so enjoyed watching him play ball and have many memories of all the ballgames we sat through, he was always a hustler. May the memories of Denton remain in your heart and give you strength through the days ahead. My prayers are with both of you and your family. Dee Dee Bost

Dee Dee Cox-Bost - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dwight, Dallas, and family:*

I'm so sorry for your loss. My memories of you, Dallas, and Denton as the cutest little boys running around and singing put a smile on my face. I can only imagine your grief during this time, but urge you look upon Denton's life and impact on others and rejoice. He's now with his wonderful mother and heavenly Father. My prayers are with you.

-Mindy

Mindy Marchel - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ZH

“ *We are so shocked and saddened by the lose of Denton. He was one of the best employees Zearl has ever had. He was so dependable and conscientious in his work duties. And he had that wonderful smile with much laughter all around him. We know God must have had other plans for Denton, because we know he is there serving his Heavenly Father.*

To you Denton's father: I know there is no greater pain than what you are experiencing right now. There are no words to explain it. Just know that tragedies like this do not discriminate... I lost my 41 year old daughter 5 yrs. ago. I can tell you, you will get through it in time, but there is never any getting over it. My heartfelt sympathy and empathy to you and yours.

Sharon Harris

Zearl and Sharon Harris - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dwight & Dallas, My love and prayers to you both. My heart is breaking for you both, please remember, the Lord is surrounding you with His love, and He is holding your hand. You are not lost, He is holding your hand and clearly He is not lost. I love you both. If you need to get away, call me, I have the perfect place. Shelby

Shelby Marchel - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our hearts are heavy with the news of Denton's passing. There are no words perfect enough to express our sorrow. God's speed and blessings to you all.

Jay, Mauri Ann, Collin and Ryan Domer - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dallas, to you and your dad my sympathy in the loss of Denton. I am very sorry for all of the pain and sorrow you and your dad are experiencing now. My prayers will be for you both. I understand your dad is to begin some medical treatments soon. My prayers will be for him as well. God bless and feel free to call if you need to.

Larry Justice - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dwight - it as been many years since I have see you, but please know my deepest sympathy is with you and your family during this very difficult time. May God Bless each of you. Brenda, Monty Crist, Brian Crist and Justin Crist

Brenda (Crist) Chandler - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Words cannot say enough about Denton. He will certainly be missed by all. I really enjoyed Denton through Kansas High School Rodeo. He would always speak and had a big smile on his face. I guess the Big Man upstairs needed a good cowboy...He certainly got that in Denton! Guess it looks as though Denton and Chance will make our next wonderful team roping run together. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all his family and friends. God Bless.

Troy Richardson - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Our familys thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow. Andy rodeoed with Denton during his high school days and is attending NWOSU, he thought alot of him as we all did.

Mavis Family, David, Roxie, and Andy - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dwight, Dallas and family-

You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace in this tough time. Denton was a good young man and will be missed by so many. He was a good cowboy in the arena...and in life.

Drew and Jana (Wehkamp) Turner - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *May god bring you peace and comfort during this trying time.*

We thought highly of him and Wacey enjoyed rodeoing with him and Dallas.

The Munsell's

Doug Munsell - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Many thoughts and prayers are with you through this trying time. I didn't know Denton personally but Jhaymie talked about him so often I felt as though I did. I hope you find peace in knowing Denton his in a beautiful place.*

TINA PETERS - May 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM