



Harold Edward Wanger

January 19, 1933 - January 29, 2024

Harold Edward, son of Sadie (Stewart) and Charles A. Wanger was born on January 19, 1933 on a farm north of Freedom, Oklahoma. He passed away on January 29, 2024 at the age of 91 years and 10 days.

During the Korean War he was drafted into the Army in 1951. He was honorably discharged in 1953 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his service he attended college at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, receiving his Bachelors of Education and a Masters of Education

Harold was married on December 23, 1956 in Alva at the Barnes Street Church of Christ to Wanita Fay Campbell. To this union four children were born; Freya, Fonda, Paul (through adoption) and John (through adoption). After they were married, they moved to Liberal, Kansas where Harold started his teaching career. After teaching in Liberal they moved to Medicine Lodge, Kansas where Harold taught for over 35 years and he retired in 1998. Wanita and Harold moved to Alva in 2000 to enjoy retirement.

Harold loved to fish and working in his garden, ever since they could remember he had a large garden, that he worked in last year.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanita on September 14, 2017; and his two daughters, Freya Michelle and Fonda Sue. Harold was also preceded in death by his parents and seven sisters; Marilyn Bindrum, Ida Woods, Faye Rose Ludella Spurlock, Betty Trezell, Phylliss Rhodes and Linda Olson.

Harold is survived by his two sons and their wives, Paul and Annette of Kiowa, Kansas and John and Cristina of Grapevine, Texas; three grandsons, Yosef,

Ian and John II; two granddaughters, Evelina and Brooklyn; a sister, Janice and his brother, Max. A number of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Alva Church of Christ and Northwest Nutrition Center through Wharton Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard
Alva, OK 73717

Family Visitation

JAN 31. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 31, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Edward Wanger*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 31, 2024 at 07:52 PM

RM

So sorry for your loss! Ramona Muegge

Ramona Muegge - February 04, 2024 at 02:04 PM

IW

My grandad was an amazing person. Just about anytime I needed to talk he was there. When I tried going into the military he supported me, and continued to even when I washed out to the point that he was ready to help me get one of my dream guitars(I had declined as it was going to be something I got if I had passed) Harold and wanita. I miss y'all a lot.

Ian wanger - November 19, 2024 at 11:43 AM

HS

“ Rest Harold, until you hear at dawn, the low, clear reveille of God. Thank you for your service to this nation. U.S. Army, Korean War.



Harry Simpson - December 29, 2024 at 01:06 PM

JF

“ Jeff Fields lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Wanger



Jeff Fields - February 03, 2024 at 05:57 PM

CC

“ Sending much love to your entire family. Yosef is a great buddy of mine and he spoke to me about his grandpa a lot. He was very proud, what an amazing man. Much love always. -Casey

casey caudill - February 02, 2024 at 03:31 AM

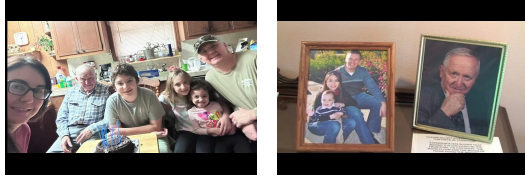
KW

“ Mr. Wanger was my 4th grade teacher almost 60 years ago. I never forgot him and he was a very kind man.

Kent Wieland - February 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM

KC

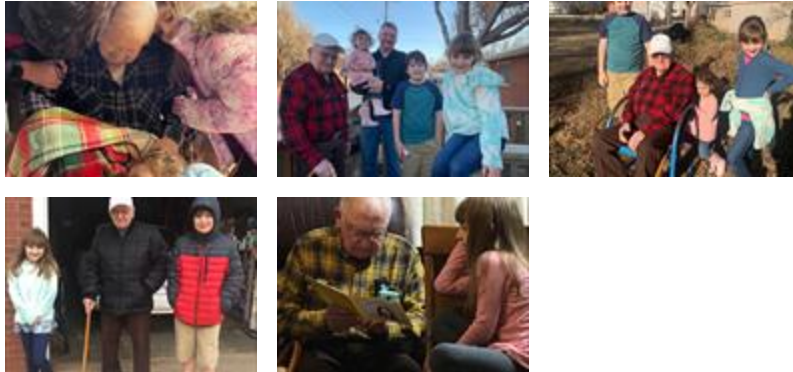
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Ken Campbell - January 31, 2024 at 10:23 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Harold Memories Album



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 31, 2024 at 03:59 PM

NP

“ Nathan Prothro lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Wanger



Nathan Prothro - January 31, 2024 at 02:20 PM

NP

I am a friend of his grandson Yosef

Nathan Prothro - January 31, 2024 at 02:20 PM

KS

“ Mr. Wanger was such a nice man. I still remember him teaching me “remember the difference between principle and PrinciPAL is me. I’m your pal!” I think about that every time I write those words.

Kelli Swayden - January 31, 2024 at 12:44 PM

JK

“ Prayers to Paul, John and families. Always enjoyed being a neighbor, of the Wanger's.



Jeff and Jacque Keller - January 31, 2024 at 12:55 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Edward Wanger.



January 30, 2024 at 08:11 PM

BD

“ Mr. Wanger welcomed me as a new teacher in Medicine Lodge and was a wonderful principal to have leading the way. He always had so much energy and never ceased to amaze me when he drove the bus of students out to Flower Pot Mountain in the Gyp Hills and proceeded to scurry up the mountain faster than any of them could follow with their little legs. My condolences and prayers for his family.



Brenda Dirks - January 30, 2024 at 04:31 PM

CE

Harold's Family... Sorry to hear about the loss of Harold... he was a Good Christian Man ...
Charlotte Edwards

Charlotte Edwards - January 30, 2024 at 07:23 PM

RB

“ *Roy & Diana Bowman lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Wanger*



Roy & Diana Bowman - January 30, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JB

“ *Janice Browning lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Wanger*



Janice Browning - January 30, 2024 at 03:43 PM

JR

“ *Janice Reutter lit a candle in memory of Harold Edward Wanger*



Janice Reutter - January 30, 2024 at 03:25 PM

JR

I remember him as a kind and generous man. He planted large gardens and shared the produce. In school he cared for every child and staff member. He was easy to talk to and was a good listener. He always brought his model train and turned it on at Christmas time for the students to see. Family was always important to him and it shows in his sons. He was a good role model.

Janice Reutter - January 30, 2024 at 03:27 PM