



## Troy Don Wheat

March 19, 1966 - December 6, 2008

Troy Don, son of Betty (Rhoades) and Paul Wheat was born on March 19, 1966 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away on the 6th of December, at his home in Tulsa, at the age of 42 years, 8 months and 18 days.

He attended the Alva Public School System and graduated from high school with the class of 1984. After moving to Tulsa, Troy attended and graduated cosmetology school in Jenks. He became a successful stylist in Tulsa. He was very involved in the Miss Cinderella, Miss Oklahoma and Miss America Pageants.

One of the highlights of his life was when his client won Miss America in 2006. Mr. Wheat was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Gary on October 27, 2005; his grandparents: Ralph and Marie Rhoades and Logan and Libby Wheat.

Troy is survived by his parents Paul and Betty, a sister and her husband Paula and Bill Miller of Woodward, two nieces and their spouse; Shannon and Craig Chestnut and their children Jace and Jayden of Mustang, Karrie and Kendel Kay and their children Sloan, Reece, Braton and Kinley of Ashland, Kansas; a number of other relatives and many friends.



# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wharton's Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

KC

“ I didn't know about Troy's passing until just now. I'm so shocked and saddened! I met Troy when we attended Jenks Beauty College in 1993-95. He was absolutely a "bright spot" in that whole experience, as I was a young mother and had to be away from my two little children to attend at night.

*When Troy was there, the time would fly by! Once in the summer we were told the girls could wear "skorts" when it was so hot and Troy decided what was good for the girls was good for everyone...he showed up on sultry Saturday with a skort on too!*

*He never had to do mani/pedi...see this just wasn't his thing. I thought I'd get him good so I wrote down one Ms. Bertha Bunslinger for a Saturday morning for mani/pedi...he read that on the book and started complaining about the so-called appointment w/Bertha...I thought I was going to rip all my seams laughing..of course he saw me and was much relieved I was playing a joke and he didn't have to do that pedi!*

*Once he discovered "Bodacious Burgundy" he colored everyone's hair that color that would let him! He loved that color!*

*I loved him, we all loved him! He was extremely special to all who came in contact with him and I will always remember him with a smile on my face...I love ya Troy!*

*ps...I wonder if he's coloring any angel's hair "Bodacious Burgendy"*

**Karen Curry** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *I just now found out about Troy's passing and I am so sad. He was a dear friend of mine when I lived in Tulsa. We lost touch over the years. He was my hair stylist and for about four years I flew to Tulsa from Dallas to get my hair done. I recently was searching for him on facebook to let him know I would be in Tulsa and would love to see him. Unfortunately my search lead to his obituary. I am so sorry for your loss. He was an amazing person!*

**Lanett Janzen** - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Troy -- still missing you!*

**Debbie Perkins** - March 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *I wasn't lucky enough to know Troy real well, but one thing I do know is he was the kindest nicest man I had the pleasure to spend some time with. My prayers, my heart goes out to him and his family. You were loved Troy by so many people in the Miss Oklahoma and Miss America family.. You will be missed by us all..*

**Alice Peninger** - January 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *None of you will ever know or understand how much I loved Troy. He was my best friend and one of my heros. I will miss you, Troy and I love you. Paul, Betty and Paula, and the entire family, I consider you all a part of my family. I will miss him more then words can say, bye Mystery Lee. Love Keith (Mister)*

**Keith Branscum** - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Troy will be missed by so many people. He had the personality that could make anyone's bad day turn good; he was fun and caring and such a positive person! My thoughts go out to all of Troy's family and friends. He was surely one of a kind! Miss you!

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**Crystal Shell** - December 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Troy Wheat was a talented, gifted man. He was a shining star all of our lives, I will forever remember the great times we had. I will never forget the love he had for his mother Betty, please know you were the light of his life!

*We are not alone their are millions of people worldwide who may have suffered the tragic loss of a young life.*

*Few can understand the hollow, wrenching, and enduring agony families silently suffer when a loss occurs, but Troy's beautiful spirit and enduring memory will forever remain in our hearts.*

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**Dustin Allen** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our hearts are heavy and we have no more tears , please know that we all had the pleasure of calling troy a friend . He was like family to us , please take comfort in knowing that we have surrendered to God almighty and his Divine plan for us and all our loved ones , Troy like so many angels was lent to us for only a short while ,and he had a mission to spread love and smiles to those he knew. Your family will always be in our prayers. Much love from Teresa Ramirez and family .

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**Ramirez Family** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sorry for your loss. I have some great memories hanging out with troy riding around alva with him and arlan, he always made me laugh. You are in my prayers

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**lori (oakley) bowden** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Paul, Betty, Paula and other family members. I have so many wonderful memories of each of you. May GOD give each of you the Peace and Comfort to get you through this every hard time in your Lives.

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**Paul Kidd** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

R(

“ Paul, Betty, family, and friends, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Troy was one of the first friends I made when I moved to Alva at age five. We went from 1st to 12th together. I remember in second grade he made these beautiful leather bracelets and I still have mine. I'll never forget his friendship and the laughter we shared. Rhonda Walker

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**Rhonda Walker (Lincoln)** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Dear Wheat family*

*We were stunned to hear of Troy's passing. He will be remembered for the smiles he had and the smiles he brought to others. We are so sorry for your loss; please know that your thought and prayers.*

*Kim,Keitha&Logan Dale*

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**Kim Dale** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *We are so going to miss your warm smile and loving heart. Peace and prayers to Chris and the family.*

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**Kathleen Hefley & Frances Schramm** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Paul & Betty I am so sorry for your loss of your son. My thoughts & prayers are with you through this. God in his wonderful mercy will help you through this. love & God bless you & trust the lord.marc walz*

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**marc walz** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Let me start off by saying that i have lost one of my best and only friends. I will never have another friend like Troy Don Wheat. He was my mom's Hair stylist for ages. I have not known him as long as probably any of you but i will say this, it does feel like i have lost my best freind. He was probably the fun-nest, and Funniest guys i will ever meet. I used to live in tulsa, just me and my mom, and he and his freind keith came over every night for about a month during the month december of 05. I saw Troy for the last time in about January of 08. I know that i have lost him but he will always be in my heart. I will always think of him as my bestfreind. I do know that he is in a better place now though. His Freind -Giorgio

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**Giorgio Johnson** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I am Chris' sister. Troy spent many good times with our family and we will miss him greatly. He always brought laughter to the room. We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family and please know that our prayers are with you.

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**Nita Carr** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I am Chris Roberts sister. I want the family to know that we loved Troy. Troy often told me that I reminded him of his sister and that is such an honor. I am truly sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Troy's words of wisdom to me were "It's OK to let your hair blow in the wind". I'll truly miss him.

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**Sandy Poor** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Was saddened to learn of the passing of Troy. I was his "model" when he went to OKC for his cosmetology test several years ago. I had lost contact with him in recent years but have fond memories of his smile and our many laughs together. My prayers are with his family at this most difficult time.

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**Janet Emerson** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Mr. & Mrs. Wheat & Family,

Troy was a good friend and a great person, him and his smile will be missed by all.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Tom Endres** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Aunt Paula, Paul, Betty and family....I just want you all to know that I am thinking about each one of you. When did you not see Troy without a smile on his face?!? He always knew how to make Michele, Shannon and I laugh!! We had so many fun times together!!! I am praying for all of you!! I love you guys! Sherri (Miller) Childers

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**Sherri Childers** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paul, Betty, Paula, and family, I am deeply heart broken over Troy's passing. I pray Christ's peace will cover your family now and always, until you meet again.

Shona

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**Shona Hannaford (Scouten)** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Paul, Betty, and Family,

Words can not express the deep sorrow I feel with the loss of Troy. I have many memories of going to school with Troy from elementry to high school. My prays are with you family during this time. May the Lord bless your family during your loss

Dana

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**Dana (Arndt) Kirkpatrick** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Troy has been my stylist for many years. I love him more than he could possibly know. I will continue to pray for his family and Chris. I hope that God will find a way to ease your pain in this difficult time. There will be no more bad hair in heaven! Troy was a good man and will be missed by all.

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**Carri Matheson** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ I have not known Troy as long as some of you, but he always treated me like one of his close friends.

*I have so many wonderful pictures and memories of him. Like when he did me a favor and judged the Wilted Rose Pageant to help raise money for the Skiatook Class of 2005's Senior Celebration. He was always willing to help out.*

*He also taught my daughter everything she knows about her hair. I am blessed to have known him.*

*God Bless His Family and Closest Friends.*

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**Fran Sawin** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My sweet friend, i miss you so much! I worked with Troy for 4 years, we became fast friends and I couldn't help but fall in love with him, he was absolutely contagious in the best sort of way! He created so many special memories for me, could make me laugh like no other. He gave me the make-over of a life time, i'll always miss him! To the family, I pray Gods peace, love and comfort to you! Chris, we're friends forever, peace and comfort i wish to you as well!

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**Diana Smith** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Paula, Bill, Betty & Paul

*You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Don & Andra Smith** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Words cannot express how much Troy meant to my family and most of all me. He was apart of the White family and his presence will be missed. Every memory of Troy is one of laughter and utter happiness. Troy came into my life as a hairstylist and left as one of my bestfriends. I am so sorry that I can not attend the funeral but know that my prayers and heart are with everyone that loved him as much as I did. I am a better person for knowing Troy. My heart goes out to Betty, Paul, Paula, Chris, and Misti. I love you very much.

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**Savannah White** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Oh, Troy -- how I will miss you! I am so saddened by your passing, yet feel so blessed that I knew you as a true friend. We shared the same warped sense of humor, the BEST kind -- you were one of few that I truly felt that I could be MYSELF around. How many people can you say that about?

*My heart goes out to your family -- including Chris.*

*If you meet an angel with "turd-roll bangs", I'm sure you'll fix her up right.*

*God's speed to you, Troy.*

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**Debbie Perkins** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Betty, Paul, Paula & Family. I really didn't know Troy as well as I knew Gary, but I know Troy is a great loss. I amso sorry for alll of you. Jewel

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**Jewel LeDou** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Our hearts go out to all of you. We wish there was some words that would heal your wounds but there isn't. Just know that we are praying for you.

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie Davison Helm** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ I am devastated. I have lost my touchstone and one of my dearest friends. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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**Gina Volturo-Ellis** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Words cannot express how my heart broke when I found out about Troy. I will never forget the many wonderful times we spent together. He always made me smile. We laughed together often talked for hours! There was nothing he wouldn't do for me. Among my many memories of Troy was the morning after I won Miss America when he arrived at my hotel door to make me look pretty for my debut on Good Morning America. We spent an evening in the hotel coloring my hair over the bath tub when I returned home for my homecoming. We laughed so hard! He meant the world to me and through our relationship I learned the true meaning of a friend. Troy, you will be missed more than you will ever know. You will always be one of my favorite memories in my Miss Oklahoma and Miss America experience. Thank you for sharing such memorable moments with me. I love you so much and I was blessed to have the privilege to call you my friend. My prayers are with family and friends as we deeply miss the man that touched so many lives.

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**Jennifer Berry Gooden** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Troy was my hair stylist and friend for nearly ten years; words cannot begin to express my sadness at losing him. His wonderful personality and kindness always made me feel right at home in his salon. He was such a talented, special person. Family, my heart goes out to you. I know he loved you deeply.

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**Linda Oliver** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I love you. I cherish you and Shona's childhood fun together. You will be missed. My prayers to the family.

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**Jane Gaskill** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Troy was a great friend to me, we had so many great memories growing up together. He was my first kiss in kindergarden under the merry-go-round at Longfellow School. We would laugh about that all through the rest of our years together in school. He always made me smile, and I loved him dearly. I will miss him. Paul, Betty, and Paula, I wish I could be there with you guys right now and I want you to know that you are all in my hearts.

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**Lisa Fincher** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ I have known Troy since 1993. He was my barber and my dear friend. I could go to him for a haircut but find a supportive friend who would listen to my woes. His warm smile always welcomed me into his salon. May he rest in peace. We will be lost without him.

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**Toby Jenkins** - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Paul, Betty, Paula and Family

*You are being thought of in a special way. May you know we care and are thinking about you and your loved ones.*

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We have such fond memories of Troy through the yeas.

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**Max and LaDonna Benningfield** - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Paul, Betty, Paula and family:*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many great memories of Troy. From kindergarten to adulthood. Thinking of Troy makes me laugh, he loved goofing around and playing jokes. May God give you the peace and comfort to get through this.*

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**Robin Lewis** - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Paul, Betty, Paula and family.*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Life sometimes is not fair and we can't explain why. Troy was such a wonderful person and the memories I have make me smile. I can remember sitting in Paul and Bettys home all acting so silly together and laughing. I want you all to know how much you are in my heart and I love you so much. PLEASE take care of each other.*

*May god bless your family*

*Love,*

*Michele Cohlmia Nelson*

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**Michele Cohlmia Nelson** - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Paul, Betty & Family:*

*May God give you comfort and peace in your loss. Your family is in our prayers.*

*Terry, Joni & Jennifer Ross*

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**Terry L. Ross** - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM