



Walter B. Haynie

October 8, 1926 - December 20, 2020

A memorial service for Walter B. Haynie will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the Montague County Cowboy Church in Montague. For those that cannot make the service, it will be live streamed on the Montague County Cowboy Church website.

Walter B. Haynie no longer lives by faith, but by sight as he joined his heavenly Father on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020. He surely joins the Apostle Paul in, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

Walter was born on October 8, 1926 in Amarillo, the fourth of eight children, to Wilson Dan Haynie Sr. and Violet Lurline McAdams Haynie. He was lovingly called Walter Babe. It was not until he joined the Navy during WWII that he learned his middle name was Boothe.

In the midst of the Great Depression, Walter struck out on his life adventure at age 11 with a 6th grade education. He worked in the rice fields of south Texas and then on the railroad at an early age as most of the men were off in the war. Walter was a proud WWII Veteran and a true patriot who loved his country. He joined and fought in World War II in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS LST 743.

When he returned home from the war, Walter met and six weeks later, married Marian Joe Dolby and answered the call to the ministry. In 1952, he graduated from Howard Payne College with a double major and honors and later from Southwestern Baptist Seminary with a master's in theology in 1957. During

their time in college and the seminary, Walter and Marian added to their family Melody Ann, Deborah Kay, David Michael, and Mark Whayne.

Walter's ministry took him to Texas churches in Charlotte, San Antonio, Highlands, Cedar Creek, and Nocona (where he founded Shepherd of the Hills Baptist Church), and Montague. He also pastored in Terral, Oklahoma twice. During his pastorate, he helped to organize and start Hispanic mission churches in the Charlotte and San Antonio areas. He also served in the mission field in Honduras and Afghanistan. After the death of Walter's wife, Marion, Walter married Clara Shults, who served with him in his ministry as well as the mission field. Although he retired from the full-time ministry in April 2010, he continued preaching as a lay pastor until age 93.

Inspired by his great-great-grandfather, the Rev. John Haynie, a circuit riding preacher in the 1800's, Walter had a vision to establish and build a cowboy church. At age 80, he founded the Montague County Cowboy Church and began weekly church services in the local sale barn and later in their beautiful church. In 2010, he handed over the reins to his friend and successor Joe Caballero.

He was always a cowboy at heart and despite being a Baptist preacher, always enjoyed dancing, especially to "Waltz Across Texas". In the late 1990's he organized and headed up the Chisholm Trail Cattle Drive moving the herd through Terral, Oklahoma, heading for Montana.

Walter was involved with Rotary Club, Odd Fellows, and was a Mason. He served as secretary and Chaplin of the "Old Trail Drivers of Texas." While receiving numerous awards, his most humbling was being honored as the Howard Payne University Distinguished Alumnus in 2013. He was one of the WWII Veterans privileged to take the Honor Flight DFW to Washington D.C. with his grandson Matthew. Walter and his son Mike travelled to New Orleans with Gary Sinise Foundation, Soaring Valor, to honor World War II Veterans. Walter's often heard sayings were, "High Dollar", "Golly Moses", and "Whoa Nelly". One of his favorite bible verses was, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to

give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Walter loved his family and felt joy for his grand and great-grand grandchildren. To them he was Pappow. His family and friends loved and adored him. He truly was one of the Greatest Generation.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, wife Marian; daughter Melody Haynie Darby; son Mark Haynie; brothers Dan Haynie and Richard Haynie; sisters Dorothy Felts, Barbara Hale, and Harriett Vaughn.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; daughter, Deborah Haynie; son, Mike (Doris) Haynie; sisters Dolores Jones and Inez West; daughters-in-law, Chris (Raymond) Root, Corie Gallagher, and Cheryl (Melvin) Yosten, and his precious grand and great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He also leaves his dear friends, Ben and Amanda Graves of San Antonio, Rev. Lamoine Champ and John Parker of Nocona.

The family would like to thank all staff at Muenster Memorial Hospital. They cared for him so tenderly and treated him with such dignity. Upon learning that he loved to dance, his sweet nurse Sarah delighted Walter by waltzing with him while in his wheelchair.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Howard Payne University Alumni Association at 1000 Fisk Street, Brownwood, TX 76801 or Montague County Cowboy Church, P. O. Box 4, Montague, TX 76251.

Tributes can be made on the Scott Funeral Home of St. Jo website; scostfhsj.com.

Happy Trails to this Cowboy who saddled up and left on his final trail ride!

Previous Events

Memorial

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Montague County Cowboy Church
1600 FM 455W
Montague, TX

Tribute Wall

BS

“*Brother Haynie was my pastor in Terral when I was a teenager. He baptized me in 1959. He was a good man and a true servant who modeled Jesus’ example. He assisted with both my parent’s funerals and he and Marion was such a comfort to my sister, brother and I. I know he has claimed his heavenly reward and is rejoicing around the throne of God. May each of your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of this great man.*

Bill Sloan

Mary Sloan Owen

John Sloan

Bill Sloan - December 25, 2020 at 12:17 PM

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“*I will always hold dear the friendship we shared. Rev. Walter Haynie was my mentor and he influenced me to be the minister that I am today. His dedication to the Lord made a huge impact on the lives of all who were blessed to have known him. Truly he is enjoying his well deserved reward in heaven.*

Frances Gamble - January 09, 2021 at 03:37 PM

CS

“*Pastor Walter Haynie is a classic mentor Jesus allowed in my life. He and Clara included our family in an area church plant that will not be forgotten. They were always the first to reach out when our family was going through difficult situations. Walter is greatly missed and loved.*

Charles & Paula Sims - December 24, 2020 at 02:00 PM

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“ Oh Uncle Walt ! You are one for the ages and will live on in our hearts til we join you. You gave us the gift of knowing, feeling, and sharing your great love for Jesus, blessed us with your joy for living, and instilled the Haynie way of love, compassion and concern for others. Grateful for these gifts that will stay in my heart and lift me up when I am missing you! Godspeed Cowboy ! Lynn

Lynn - December 23, 2020 at 07:16 PM