



Dwayne Raper

February 15, 1947 - January 24, 2025

Dwayne Raper, 77, of Ashdown, AR passed away Friday, January 24, 2025 in Hot Springs, AR. He was born February 15, 1947 in Osceola, AR to the late James Elkin and Gova Idell (Peery) Raper. He attended Victoria, AR Elementary and Luxora, AR Jr. High and High School. After graduating with the 1965 class, he attended the University of Arkansas, majoring in Agronomy, where he met his wife of 58 years, Jeanie Wright. Following his time at the University, he enlisted in the United States National Guard, where he served for 8 years. While Jeanie was attending UAMS School of Pharmacy, Dwayne moved to Ashdown and began farming and ranching. Mr. Raper served on several boards in the community including the Little River Soil Conservation Board for 30 years, the Red River Commission and the Southwest Arkansas Water District. He and Jeanie owned The Corner Pharmacy in Ashdown for 36 years and were co-owners and partners of the Fish Bowl Restaurant for many years with Sue and Smokey Surber. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Ashdown where he was heavily involved with many church projects. His very favorite thing to do was pheasant hunting in South Dakota where he made lifelong friendships. He would spend two months planning his trips and telling stories of previous trips.

He is preceded in death by his parents Elkin and Idell Raper, one brother, Jimmy Raper and two brothers-in-law, Paul Jackson and Phillip Wright. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jeanie Raper of Ashdown, one daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Jay Bernardi, three sisters and two

brothers-in-law, Irene Jackson of Bryan, TX, Barbara and John Madigan of St. Louis, MO and Dianna and Damon Clauss of Plainfield, IL, one grandson, Clark Wright Clevenger of Ashdown and several nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services will be Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 4:00 at First Baptist Church in Ashdown with Butch Riddle and D.J. Pope officiating. A visitation will begin at 3:00 at the church prior to the service. Interment to follow at Ashdown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to First Baptist Church 70 N Park Ave Ashdown AR 71822.

Cemetery Details

Ashdown Cemetery

Peyton Avenue
Ashdown, AR 71822

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Ashdown
70 N. Park Ave
Ashdown, AR 71822

Funeral Service

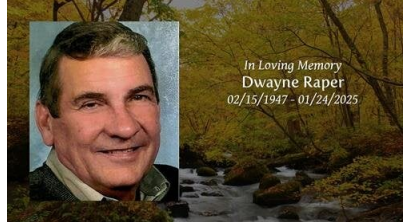
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Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dwayne Raper*



Madden Funeral Home - January 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Dewayne and the Raper family have always been special to me. My prayers are with you all. I will always remember him as my boss from the Fish Bowl in the late 70's and early 80's. Love you guys, Robby*

Robby - February 05, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dwayne Raper.*

January 31, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dwayne Raper.*



January 31, 2025 at 11:46 AM

YP

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dwayne Raper.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. - January 30, 2025 at 09:58 AM

YP

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Dwayne Raper.



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KL

“ Sorry for you loss. Praying for the family. The Raper family was a big part of my childhood in Luxora. Love to all.
Karen Patterson-Loyd

Karen Patterson Loyd - January 29, 2025 at 10:47 AM

TP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, Tim and I worked with Dwayne at the Fishbowl for years and thought the world of him. Dwayne would always make you laugh no matter what mood you were in. Our condolences if we can do anything please don't hesitate to reach out and ask.



Tim and Jenny Patt - January 29, 2025 at 06:51 AM

AS

“ I always think of him cleaning my ditch out with his humongous backhoe. He was a fine man with a big humor.

Arthur Stoker - January 28, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BC

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Sending you love; and praying for peace and comfort for you all. Curtis and Brenda Caldwell

Brenda Caldwell - January 28, 2025 at 03:27 PM

HG

“ Harpers Pam,Debbie & Glen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dwayne Raper.

Harpers Pam,Debbie & Glen - January 28, 2025 at 12:44 PM

HG

“ Harpers Pam,Debbie & Glen purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dwayne Raper.



Harpers Pam,Debbie & Glen - January 28, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ 175 files added to the album Memories Album



Madden Funeral Home - January 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM

DB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Hugs to you.

Donna Bush - January 28, 2025 at 10:56 AM

MW

“ I met Dwayne while hunting pheasants in S. Dakota with my cousin Rocky. Me and Dwayne spent time with the Arkansas National Guard. We would visit and riminess of those times. He was always very friendly and kind to me and we enjoyed visiting. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family. Prayers for all.
Mike Willis

Mike Willis - January 27, 2025 at 11:59 PM

WG

“ I went to high school with Dwayne at Luxora. He was a year ahead of me but was always nice and friendly to me. I would see him at times when he was visiting his parents and he and I would talk about our school days and sports or whatever. Deepest sympathy to his family and friends. RIP my friend

Wilbur Griffin - January 27, 2025 at 11:19 PM

PH

“ Dwayne is my cousin. He was so kind to me and always had a smile and a good story to share. Rest in peace, Dwayne, and please say hello to my Mom and Dad.

Pamela Holder

Riverview, Florida

Pamela Holder - January 27, 2025 at 08:20 PM

WH

“ Wesley & Sherry Hanner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dwayne Raper.

Wesley & Sherry Hanner - January 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

WH

“ Wesley & Sherry Hanner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dwayne Raper.



Wesley & Sherry Hanner - January 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM