



Dale Blaine Reeder

July 15, 1938 - August 22, 2018

Dale Blaine Reeder, 80, of Oklahoma City passed from this life on August 22, 2018 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was born on July 15, 1938 in Milfay, Oklahoma of the late Remeth and Theo Reeder.

He graduated from Olive High School, Olive, Oklahoma in 1956. He went on to get his Bachelors and Master's Degrees from U.C.O. in Edmond, Oklahoma. He was a principal for 30 years in the Oklahoma City school system. After retiring, he worked at UCO with future teachers in the classroom.

He came from a long line of school teachers, in fact, so many Reeder family members graduated from UCO, then called Central State, a room was named in their honor at the restored Old North Tower. He lived in Oklahoma City and Edmond for 53 years. He was active for many years in the UCO Alumni and the restoring of Thatcher Hall. He was proud of his Cherokee Indian heritage, and attended many activities in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

He is survived by his twin siblings, Larry Reeder of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Lorna Van Meter of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, nieces, nephews and many cousins, also faithful and loving friends.

Memorial services are pending at a later time in Stroud, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Dale nicknamed me "Little Fish" after my dad, Don Edwards, who he nicknamed "Fish". That story is related to one of many pranks Dale played on my dad "back in the day" in Thatcher Hall where they shared a dorm room. Dad was a serious senior and Dale was a playful Freshman back in those days. So many stories we have on that time. Uncle Remeth asked Dad when he came back from his Army service to live with Dale in the dorms. Knowing his son, and the significance of what he was asking my dad to "put up with" and endeavor to "tamp down", Remeth told Dad "If you will do this for me, as long as I have a house, you have a home".

The last visit Dad and I had with Dale together we visited the UCO campus and viewed the restored room at Thatcher Hall from the Reeder generosity. It looked pretty much exactly like the room Dale and Dad shared back in the day. I learned the full "Fish story" that day, and several others.

My sisters Laurie and Kelley joined me in making a donation to Dale's beloved UCO in his name. We asked the Foundation to put our dollars to the same causes that Dale always supported there. He was a major donor to UCO and they have a long record of his service to the school in both his time (love) and treasure (cold hard cash).

With Love from Michael, Kelley and Laurie Edwards.

Michael Edwards - September 23, 2018 at 11:39 AM

BC

I loved Dale and flashed an engagement ring hoping he would notice and change the fact that someone had asked for my hand. We remained friends. When I moved to Texas we had little communication but when I returned to Oklahoma I tried to find him. I just today did 3/08/2025. RIP. Dear

Betty Sorrels Costin - March 10, 2025 at 07:41 PM

CB

“ Mr. Reeder was one of the nicest principals I ever knew. As a new principal, he always was very helpful to me. I will always appreciate his kindness and his great sense of humor. Rest In Peace Mr. Reeder.

Carol Berry - August 29, 2018 at 07:41 PM

SF

“ Larry and Lorna, your mom was my much-loved fifth-grade teacher and your dad was my high school principal. Wasn't MY dad, Wayne Earnest, your principal? My parents admired your family so much. I retired after 36 years in OKC Schools and never got to work with Dale, but he was much-admired. by those who did. Best wishes. Sidney Earnest Ford, M.Ed.

Sidney Ford - August 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM

JM

“ Dear family members and friends,
Mr. Reeder was an important part of the Central (Central State College, Central State University, University of Central Oklahoma) community for many decades. We are grateful for his contributions and will remember him with great fondness.

Sincerely,
James Machell, Dean
College of Education and Professional Studies
UCO

James Machell - August 28, 2018 at 09:43 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers for you Lorna and Larry! My memories of Dale are of how he loved to tease and laugh.

Jo Ella Hannaman

Jo Ella Hannamab - August 27, 2018 at 11:01 AM



So many treasured memories I have of Dale. Very sorry for your loss. Our love and prayers are with you. John and Sandra Joray

Sandra Joray - August 27, 2018 at 01:10 PM

DM

In 1963, a brand new teacher came to my elementary school. Mr. Reeder was my 5th grade teacher at Kaiser Elementary. He helped and encouraged me, probably turning educational future around. I remember him being stern, but fair. I also remember that he had quite a sense of humor. He needed it with me!

When he came to my mothers funeral in 2010, he walked up and introduced himself. He was much shorter than I remembered, but he still had that same smile. When I told him that I had become a firefighter, he informed me that he knew and had followed my career. It was an honor to know this man. I only wish that he knew what an important part he played in my life. Don Ming, Tuttle Ok.

Don Ming - August 27, 2018 at 10:50 PM

JE

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Dale and all of your family one comes to mind of him tap dancing, remember when the auditorium was in the old school he would preform and bring the house down. So sad when you lose a treasured part of your life. My prayers are with you all and know I will be thinking about you. Love to all, Judy Christian, Happy Corner, Olive, Ok

Judy Christian Easley - August 27, 2018 at 09:47 AM