



## Wayne Thomas Wise

October 2, 1936 - February 6, 2015

Wayne Thomas Wise of Willis, Texas died at Conroe Regional Medical Center February 6th with his loving family by his side. Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, Texas on Tuesday, February 10th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, and funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Willis, Texas on Wednesday, February 11th at 10:00 AM. Interment at County Line Cemetery will immediately follow the funeral services.

Wayne was born in Weslaco, Texas in 1936 and spent his early childhood days in the Rio Grande Valley. He moved to the Willis area in 1947, and graduated from Willis High School before earning his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education from Sam Houston State University. He had a lifelong career in Texas education, including teaching, coaching, administration, and consultation in Bellville, Van Vleck, Pearsall, Weimar, and Willis. He was promoted to Superintendent of Schools for the Pearsall Independent School District in 1965, at which time he was the youngest Superintendent in the state of Texas. He remained a Superintendent for the rest of his career, with 14 years in Pearsall, followed by 23 years in Weimar. During his days as Superintendent, he was often chosen by his peers to represent his District at the State level, and was frequently a source of advice to other Superintendents and administrators. Even after his retirement to Willis in 2001, he continued to consult with old friends in the Willis School District. In retirement, he was reminded of the impact that he had made on multiple lives when he was often contacted by former players, students, and colleagues from his extensive career. Nothing made him prouder than the success of those who were once in his charge, and he celebrated their achievements and mourned their failures as if he was still responsible for them. He was a member of the North Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association.

In addition to his career in Education, he was remembered as a remarkable athlete at Willis High School, playing every sport and setting many records in his time. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman, and sports enthusiast, and spent every available moment enjoying these activities with his family. He had a keen interest in nature, and studied insects, plants, animals, fossils, and rocks. He loved to collect arrowheads and

artifacts, coins, and just about anything else that came in more than one variety. He also loved to cook, and shared his cooking (especially his cowboy cornbread) with everyone who had time to eat. He was a Rotary Club member, and often demonstrated his varied interests to his friends at Rotary Club meetings. He also gave seminars to the Boy Scouts and other civic organizations.

Wayne was preceded in death by his mother Ella Estelle (Dean) Wise, his father Thomas Jefferson Wise, and his sister Stella Ardyce Wise. He is survived by his wife Olivia Dell (Paddock)Wise; sister Shirley (Wise) Brinkley and husband William of Houston, Texas; son Michael W. Wise of Houston, Texas; son Steven D. Wise and wife Renece of Dothan, Alabama; grandson William A. Wise of Auburn, Alabama; granddaughter Laura B. Wise of Nashville, Tennessee; and nephew William K. Brinkley of Oakland, California.

The family asks that any desired donations be made in memory of Wayne T. Wise to the County Line Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1635, Conroe, Texas 77305, or to the charity of your choice. Condolences may be left at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com

## Funeral services

FEB **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Willis  
200 N. Thomason St.  
Willis, TX 77378

## Interment will follow service

FEB **11** (CT)

County Line Cemetery  
Willis, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Thomas Wise*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - February 12, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ *Wayne Thomas Wise*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



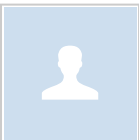
“ *My deepest condolences to the Wise family. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr Wise was such a great man. I remember him buying 10 of every little trinket from WalMart and never leaving a visit empty handed.*

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**Neal B** - February 11, 2015 at 10:19 PM



“ *I remember every time I saw Mr. Wise, I felt special. He truly had a genuine interest in people and how they were doing. He did so much for the kids, families, teachers, and schools in Weimar. My sincerest condolences.*

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**Shelley MacAllister** - February 11, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Thomas Wise.*



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February 10, 2015 at 09:28 AM

VH

“ Please accept our sympathy for the loss of your loved one. We have the fondest memories of Mr. Wise. We lift him and you his family up in prayer. Peace be with you all!

*Bruce and Virginia Hromadka*

Virginia Hromadka - February 10, 2015 at 08:37 AM

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“ The Weatherspoon family would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the Wayne T. Wise family.

*Bernadette Nelson-Weatherspoon  
Weimar ISD Staff*

Bernadette Weatherspoon - February 09, 2015 at 02:25 PM

MN

“ We would like to send our prayers and condolences to the Wayne T. Wise family.  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

*Mary and Ruby Nelson  
Weimar ISD*

Mary Nelson - February 09, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Wayne Thomas Wise.



February 09, 2015 at 01:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Thomas Wise.



February 09, 2015 at 12:31 PM

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“ Mrs. Wise -- I fondly remember you as my 5th grade Math teacher at Weimar Elementary! Sending sympathy, love, and prayers for you and your family... You all should be so proud of what a great leader God blessed yall with for so many years!

- Amanda (Vacek) Mueller -

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**Amanda Mueller** - February 09, 2015 at 10:54 AM

MM

“ Just wanted to send my sympathy to the family for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. You all will be in our prayers. Love all of you, Misty Brown Mican

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**Misty Mican** - February 09, 2015 at 09:48 AM

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“ The Howard Shelton Family, 208 S. Oak, Pearsall, TX 78061 purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Wayne Thomas Wise.



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**The Howard Shelton Family, 208 S. Oak, Pearsall, TX 78061** - February 09, 2015 at 09:43 AM