



E. Dean Chaffin

April 25, 1932 - June 15, 2023

April 25, 1932 Dacoma, OK
June 15, 2023 Mojave, CA

Dean Chaffin of Mojave, California went home to be with the Lord, peacefully, on the morning of June 15th at age 91. He was born near Dacoma, Oklahoma, and attended Midvalley schools, in rural Woods County with his siblings. He graduated from Dacoma High School in 1950, and attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University (College) He graduated in 1954. He married Lola Coulter in December 1957. Dean moved to Mojave with his family in 1964. There, he became a math teacher at Mojave High School until his retirement in 1989, where he coached basketball and golf. He was also a founding member of the Mojave Foursquare Church, and continued to be a member until his passing.

Dean is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lola, his two children, James [Diana] Chaffin and Janice [Alan] Ketchell, and his four granddaughters Rachel [Gary] Nichols, Amanda [Davy] Johnson, Sarah [Duane] Achziger, and Pamela [Matthew] Gentilcore. He is also survived by his siblings Mary Shankle, Geraldine [Paul] Yochum, Dorothy [Gary] Gilliam, Lynda Cook, and Louis [Cindy] Chaffin. Additionally, Dean is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great grand nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ernest Chaffin and Anna (Bergner) Chaffin, and his brothers Charles, Clyde, Carl Leonard, and Harry.

Graveside service will be held at Garrison Cemetery in Dacoma on October 14, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Cemetery

Dacoma, OK

Previous Events

Memorial Graveside Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Garrison Cemetery
Dacoma, OK

Tribute Wall

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“ He taught me math at Mojave High School, and he was the faculty advisor of the Mathletes. We traveled with him to a lot of competitions. He never lost his Oklahoma accent. I love to tell my students of the time he was teaching us about the sine function, which he explained in a very down-home manner. The class had an exchange student from Argentina, who spoke excellent English, but had never had to negotiate that accent. "Are you following this?" we asked him. "The math, yes; the English, no." Mr Chaffin sure knew his stuff. When I compare what he taught us with what kids see in high school math classes now---well, no comparison. We didn't do any calculus beyond the bare beginnings, but we learned how to think and how to prove things. I dedicated my PhD thesis to him (UCLA, math, 1981). Thank you, Mr Chaffin.

Michael Wilson - May 12, 2024 at 02:02 PM