



Elwyn Hofen

May 30, 1946 - December 1, 2023

Funeral services for Elwyn Hofen will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the Hopeton Church with Pastor Drake Colvin and Rev. Brent Hofen officiating. Interment will follow in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Elwyn Gene, son of the late Orville Raymond and Judith V. (Benson) Hofen was born May 30, 1946, at Colby, Kansas, and passed away December 1, 2023, at Alva, at the age of 77 years, 6 months, and 1 day.

Elwyn grew up in a Pastors home traveling mainly the Kansas District of Pilgrim Holiness Churchs later becoming the Wesleyan denomination. In 1961, the family moved to Blackwell, Oklahoma, and Elwyn graduated high school there. Following high school, Elwyn's father, Orville, passed away and he and his mother moved to the Alva-Dacoma area where he spent many summers with his family who farmed in the area since 1907.

In Alva, he attended Northwestern Oklahoma State College, gaining a B.A. English and a Masters in Education. It was here he met Miss Evelyn Martin and they married in March of 1971. Elwyn and Evelyn both taught in public schools in the area while Elwyn also farmed. Elwyn taught English and Journalism to high schoolers in Carmen-Dacoma Schools and also at Bartlesville Wesleyan College, now called Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

He then worked as Assistant Cashier for the Central National Bank of Alva, and then Cashier for the Hopeton State Bank. In 1985, he began his career in the Vocational Technical school system teaching adult education night classes in the Business and Industry program. An avid photographer, he taught photography classes at the Alva VoTech and Northwestern Oklahoma State University for several years. Later he became the first computer and programming instructor for the Alva VoTech and taught computer courses for many years. After retirement he enjoyed having coffee with the "Coffee Crowd" at McDonalds, Holders, or 818 Diner.

Elwyn's life was marked by his profound love for his family and unwavering dedication to his faith. As a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, teacher, leader, and farmer, he impacted countless lives, embodying what it means to wholeheartedly follow Jesus. His consistent life of faith and love inspired many, especially in pursuing their callings and loving others unconditionally.

Besides his parents, Orville and Judith, he was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Evelyn; and two sisters, Merlene and Nadeen.

Elwyn is survived by his sons, Brian Hofen and wife, Lynn, of Alva, Brent Hofen and wife, Heather, of Portland, Oregon, and Brad Hofen and wife, Ruchita, of Nagpur, India; his sister-in-law, Pat Shearer of Tulsa; his grandchildren that he was so proud of, Braden, Brooks, and Madison Hofen, Kalynn Samples, all of Oklahoma, Emma, Blake, and Lauren Hofen of Portland, Oregon, and Cassia and Candace Hofen of Nagpur, India, Briana and Michaelea Samples of Texas; a number of great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Hopeton Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hopeton Weseleyan Church
193930 CR 440
Hopeton, OK 73746

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I just found out about Elwin's passing. We were really close high-school buddies. We used to argue about which was better, Ford or Chevy. He liked Ford's. I had tried to call him today to tell him that my wife of 50 years had passed away December 8th, 2023 which was just 7 days after he passed.
God bless our late friends and loved ones.
Dennis Adler

Dennis Adler - March 27, 2024 at 07:57 PM

DA

Sorry, I misspelled his name. Elwyn

Dennis Adler - March 27, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service



Marshall Funeral Homes - December 15, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Elwyn Hofen.



December 07, 2023 at 01:28 AM

TG

“ *What a wonderful Christian man ! He was a great role model for many . This leaves a big void for his family. We know he is in Heaven now having the time of his life with his wife and loved ones . Prayers for his family .*

Trent Goss - December 06, 2023 at 07:55 PM

LM

“ *Love ~Jason, Beth, Rhodes & Drue Molenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elwyn Hofen.*

Love ~Jason, Beth, Rhodes & Drue Molenda - December 06, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elwyn Hofen.*



December 06, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elwyn Hofen.*



December 06, 2023 at 12:29 PM

AC

“ *Elwyn always had a funny story or a joke to brighten my day.*

Angie Cochran - December 06, 2023 at 10:11 AM

RH

“ Elwyn was a man of God! I have known him from 70's to today! From a turkey hunt on the Bud Martin ranch and church involvement! It has been time to be on a gospel mixed quartet we called "The Sounds of His Coming" The quartet was Elwyn, Evelyn, Isla, and myself! We thought we would be nominated for a Dove award, but that didn't happen! The sounds of His coming are much much louder today than were back in 70's! For now, the quartet will have to be a trio until I get there!

Roger Hada - December 05, 2023 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. May God wrap your family in his arms and give you comfort.



Jim Scribner - December 05, 2023 at 07:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elwyn Hofen.



December 04, 2023 at 10:31 PM