



Darrel Wayne Frogley

April 21, 1934 - March 23, 2020

Darrel Wayne Frogley, 85, from Kansas City, Kansas passed away peacefully at his home with his loving family on March 23, 2020, after a brief illness. At this time no services are planned. A remembrance celebration will be planned for a future date.

Darrel, the only child of George Wayne and Pauline (McRae) Frogley, was born in Chetopa, Kansas on April 21, 1934. He was orphaned at an early age and raised by other family members. He overcame his difficult situation to graduate early from Labette Co. Community H.S. in Altamont, Kansas as valedictorian, a state champion miler, and captains of both the football and basketball teams, where he was also known affectionately as "Frog." He obtained an associates' degree from Parsons County Junior College, where he also played on the college football and basketball teams. On June 2, 1956 he married the love of his life, Betty Colleen Straub, of Valeda, Kansas, his high school sweetheart. After a short stint in the Army, including service in Germany, he graduated from Kansas State University and taught English and History in the Kansas City area before going to night law school to become a lawyer. He received his law degree from the Kansas City School of Law in 1968, and practiced law in Kansas City, Kansas until his death, primarily serving those who were unable to afford a lawyer.

Those who knew Darrel knew how much he loved Betty. He often remarked that it was so nice to introduce her as his first and only wife. He was also so proud of his five daughters, quipping that the only thing better than having five

daughters would have been to have had six. An avid K-State fan, along with Betty, he also loved to tease the daughters who chose to attend that other school, the University of Kansas. He enjoyed reading, cooking, traveling and genealogical research, tracing the Frogley family line back to Denchworth, England some 16 generations.

Darrel is survived by Betty, his wife of 63 years, and his five daughters, Cynthia Norton and spouse George, Parkville, Missouri; Kirsten Frogley, Shawnee, Kansas; Julie Way, Shawnee, Kansas; Celia Duran, Olathe, Kansas; and Martha Frogley, Shawnee, Kansas. He also is survived by his seven grandchildren, Lynelle Grimes and spouse, Joshua Smith, Mesa, Arizona; Kyle Grimes and spouse, Ashley, Lawrence, Kansas; Chad Way, Shawnee, Kansas; Cameron Way, Denver, Colorado; Kayla Latham and spouse, Alex, DeSoto, Kansas; Brock Duran, Kansas City, Missouri; and Jared Duran, Lawrence, Kansas; and two great-grandsons, Everett and Sawyer Smith, Mesa, Arizona.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or the Red Cross. Online condolences may be expressed at www.MapleHillFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Darrel Wayne Frogley*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Darrel Wayne Frogley*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Betty, I send my warmest hug to you at this loss. I wish you sufficient grace as you move forward. Chuck Wilson*

Chuck Wilson - April 01, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ *Betty, Cindy, Kirsten, Julie, Celia, and Martha,*

I was so sorry to read of Darrell's passing. What a wonderful tribute to him - but the real tribute is a 63 year marriage and 5 wonderful daughters (and their families) who will carry on his legacy. I hope your memories sustain you and all who love him find the peace I know he'd want for each of you. Fondly, Cindy (Rowland) Yulich

Cindy Rowland Yulich - March 30, 2020 at 02:32 PM

RH

“ Betty, My heart sank when my wife told me there was an obituary for Cindy’s Dad in the paper. My thoughts immediately went to you. You and your family have always held a special place in my heart. I am so sorry for your loss. I know it is a blessing that you have all your girls. My prayer is that God would go easy on your heart and that you would allow yourself to be comforted by the people He places in front of you, delivering, to the best of their ability, the comfort, love and adoration you so deeply deserve. Cindy, you never told me your Dad was such a stud in high school and college!! I’m sorry to hear of his passing. I have a LOT of wonderful memories of you and am very proud to say “I was her boyfriend back in the day!”. I’ll never forget you and your Mom coming by our house to wish me well as I was scheduled to leave the next day for a 5 year stint in the Navy. God bless your entire family during this heartbreaking time. Much love and respect, Ron Helm

Ron Helm - March 30, 2020 at 09:48 AM

AN

“ Dear Betty - As I remember, we first met in 1966 or 1967 in Shawnee when Kirsten and my son, Peter, were at Nieman and then Rhein Benninghoven schools together. You and I became friends about the time that Darrel was about to graduate from law school. You were delightful - a volunteer at school and a cheerful and kind friend. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. I know you have many wonderful memories to comfort you. Ann Nelson, Fairway

Ann Nelson - March 29, 2020 at 09:22 PM

JT

“ Dear Betty; Sorry to read about Darrel passing. Based on the family member that I was acquainted with thru Turner high you did an outstanding job as parents. Take care.
Jim and PennyTate.

James Tate - March 29, 2020 at 03:07 PM

CO

Our love and prayers to all. Martha and Betty you have been a blessing to our family. Love always, Colleen, Mark, Kelsey, Bailey and Rosie.

Colleenrec1@gmail.com - March 30, 2020 at 12:14 PM

LW

Betty, Jimmy Aldridge sent me a copy of Darrel's obit. Sorry to hear about his passing. Jimmy and I roomed together across the street from where Darrel lived while we attended LCCHS. We all spent a lot of time together playing, talking and solving the problems of the world! Darrel and I were teammates on our "UNDEFEATED " football team as well as our basketball team that lost to Wichita East High School (State Champs) in the first round of the state tournament. I always enjoyed Darrel's company. I miss him. I sure you also miss him very much. THINK OF THE GOOD TIMES YOU HAD TOGETHER!!!!
LEWIS C. WAMSLEY (LEW)

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Lewis WAMSLEY - April 02, 2020 at 08:04 PM

RM

Betty Hello from a classmate of Darrel I always liked him and liked you too. I have had a problem over the years of not being able to reach out to you or your brother.

I was saddened to hear of Darrels passing and pray that he's in Gods arms. I lost my wife a year ago last month and I still look for her here in the family room at times while I'm watching TV.

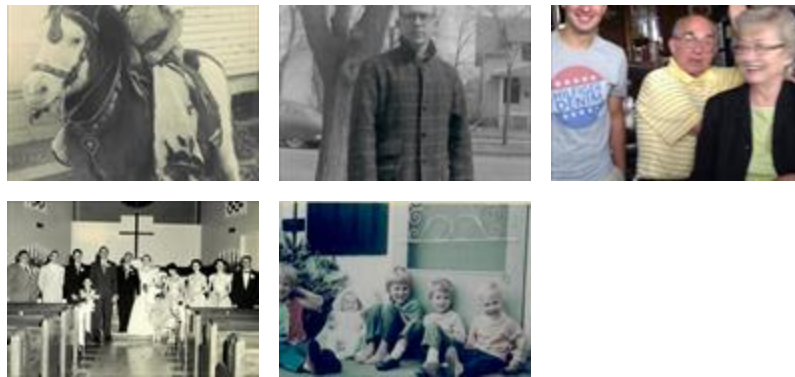
I'll keep you, your family, and Darrel in my prayers.

Bob Morris

robert morris - April 04, 2020 at 05:14 PM

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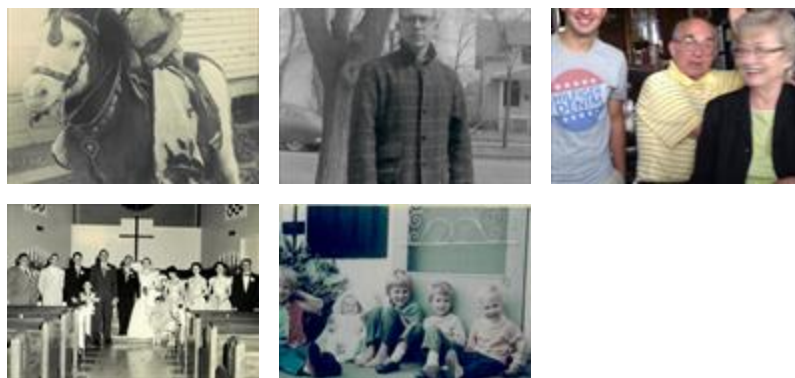
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GEORGE NORTON - March 29, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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GEORGE D NORTON - March 29, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JF

“ Dear Betty and Family, I am saddened to hear Darrel is no longer out there fighting for truth. He set an example for me that I appreciate more and more as the years pass. We are living in a time when facts expressed in the media are half-truths or not facts at all. Darrel was the original fact checker. He would not let some inaccurate statement slide by. That made him a better lawyer as I hope it did me. He also had an under appreciated sense of humor. I worked next to him for many years and would often hear him chuckling about who knows what and when I would ask him about it he would explain. Sometimes it took me a moment to understand his point. Then I would get it and chuckle with him. He was in my opinion a very good lawyer, family man and human being. Sorry for all of you, Jim Foster

Jim Foster - March 29, 2020 at 09:10 AM

GU

“ Dear Betty Frogley
May your memories of Darrel be as wonderful as the service you gave to the students of KCKCC was. My condolences to you and your family in the loss of Darrel.

Your friend & Colleague Gerald Ulrich

Gerald Ulrich - March 29, 2020 at 06:46 AM

ER

“ Hello, my name is Eugene Rexwinkle, Darrel would be my 2nd cousin,I remember when he lived with his grandmother Mae McRae in Altamont, who was my Aunt and we would go see her and Darrel would be there and I was so impressed with him all the things had that he had done in sports in school, he was four years ahead of me so graduated before I was in high school, he did go to school with my brother and they played football together he was a great person with a set goals in mind do what he wanted to do, he was a truly great person and achieved a lot during his lifetime, the last time a saw him was at aRexwinkle reunion several years ago, sorry I did not make time to see him more, for that I am truly sorry my sympathy goes to his family and friends. Eugene Rexwinkle Parsons, Kansas

Eugene Rexwinkle - March 28, 2020 at 09:53 PM

BB

“ Hi Betty, We are sorry for your loss. We are thankful for the fun memories we had with both of you. Our best wishes to you and all your family. Mac & Betty (Jacobs) Brown

Betty Brown - March 28, 2020 at 04:42 PM