

## **Wayne Davis | 1937-2014**

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Wayne Davis, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, in Decatur.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur with Virgil Faires officiating.

Wayne was born Feb. 27, 1937, in Thornberry to Louis and Grace (Freeman) Davis. He graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls with a bachelor's degree in history. As a college athlete, he played both basketball and baseball. Wayne is still ranked seventh overall for average scoring in a single season 1958-59.

After graduating, he completed Officer Training School in Fort Eustes, Va., where he became a captain in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. Following the military, he played semi-professional basketball for the Dallas Drillers. In their 1960-1961 season, the team was undefeated.

Wayne married Sandra Power June 23, 1962. After a career in marketing and sales for International Harvester in Dallas, he opened his own dealership in Oklahoma where the family lived for more than 40 years. As one of the top dealers, Wayne was placed on the Massey Ferguson Dealer Counsel for the United States and Canada. He won many sales campaigns over the years, earning travel across the U.S., Europe and Africa for himself and his family.

He also continued to compete for many years in recreational basketball and softball and was inducted into the Oklahoma Softball Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife of more than 51 years, Sandra Davis; son Brad and wife, Tera, of Decatur; daughters Lisa Furey and husband, Jim, of Denver, and Jane Wood and husband, Joel, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; grandchildren Laura and Colin Furey, Jack Wood and Will and Cole Davis; sister Betty Shipp of Burkburnett; and brother Raymond Davis of Thornberry. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation, [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).