



S. Wayne Atchley

January 10, 1944 - January 27, 2016

S. Wayne Atchley was born January 10, 1944 to Sherman Odis and Margie Lee (Shropshire) Atchley. Wayne was raised in Oklahoma City, OK and Littleton, CO. He graduated from Douglas County High School in Castle Rock, CO in 1962. During high school he enjoyed playing football and was a stand-out wrestler.

Wayne married Patricia Sue Reid on September 26, 1964 at the historical St. Phillips in the Field Episcopal Church in Castle Rock, CO. They were blessed with two children: Zachary Reid Atchely and Tisha Sue Atchley. Wayne and Sue raised their family in the Omaha area, including Blair and Elkhorn.

Wayne began selling cars at the age of 18 in Denver Colorado at Courtesy Ford, becoming the General Manager at age 27. By age 31, Ford Motor Company partnered with Wayne in the Dealer Development program, and Wayne founded Atchley Ford in 1975. During the last 40 years, Atchley Ford grew to become one of the largest Ford dealers in Nebraska. Wayne loved the car business and was very proud of his accomplishments. Wayne enjoyed riding and showing horses from a young age. He was a longtime member of the American Quarter Horse Association and, along with his family, won numerous National and World Championships showing his horses. He was an active member of the Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association, he sponsored multiple Little League Baseball teams, donated to many Children's

charities, and was a supporter and booster of the University of Nebraska and Creighton University Sports programs. Wayne enjoyed attending his children's sporting events, quarter horse shows, and spending time at his mountain house in Colorado. He maintained an optimistic view on life and will be remembered for his generosity toward friends and family.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21901 West Maple Road, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 285 South 208th Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or to Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy (HETRA), c/o Reichmuth Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent through www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com

Wayne is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sue Atchley; his daughter Tisha Atchley of Omaha; his son Zach Atchley and daughter-in-law Natalia Atchley of Omaha; grandsons: Aemilio & Roman Atchley; brothers: Gary Atchley and Darell Atchley of Edmond, Oklahoma and sister, Janice Atchley of Guthrie, Oklahoma. He is preceded in death by parents: Odis Atchley and Margie Atchley Blithe, and sister Linda Atchley.

Tribute Wall



“ S. Wayne Atchley

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *It's almost a year since you and your family lost Wayne. We fellow horsemen lost a true friend. Wayne was looked upon and admired for his ability to show and enjoy his horses. We hope you and your family find peace and know that the horse community is thinking of you and your family.*

Fellow horsemen - January 25, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Atchley family today. I remember working with the Midwest Ford Dealers and Atchley Ford at J. Walter Thompson back in 1981-82. Wayne was one of the youngest dealers, but was very well respected by his peers. Such a warm, friendly and accomplished man. Zak he's left a great legacy in your hands. He will be missed!*

Audrey Vandenberg-Miller - February 04, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolence. May your family find comfort in one another's warm embrace during this difficult time and the promise held out at John 5:28,29 "do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all those in memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out to a resurrection of life..."*

Sonya hernandez - February 03, 2016 at 08:51 PM

BF

“ Sue & Family
Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Please, know you are in our prayers and thoughts. Hopefully all of the many good memories over the years from will ease your sorrow.
Much Love,
Bob & Carolyn

Bob & Carolyn Forkner - February 03, 2016 at 12:24 PM

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Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Please, know you are in our prayers and thoughts. Hopefully all of the many good memories over the years from will ease your sorrow.
Much Love,
Bob & Carolyn

Bob & Carolyn Forkner - February 03, 2016 at 12:24 PM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of Wayne's passing.
Deepest sympathy.
~Jill

Jill Runty - February 02, 2016 at 11:22 AM

LC

“ sue sorry to hear of waynes passing i still remember all the good times we all had in the old courtesy days wishing you and your family the very best louie

louie carrillo - February 02, 2016 at 05:01 AM

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“ I am so very deeply sorry for your loss.

Tracee Baker (Westergard) - February 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM

KB

“ Sue, Zak and Tish,
I am so, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all.
Karen Bishop

Karen Bishop - February 01, 2016 at 05:09 AM

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PR

“ You have my deepest sympathy. I will remember you in my prayers.
Cherish all the wonderful memories.

Pat Roessner - February 01, 2016 at 12:39 AM

DM

“ It was an honor and a privilege to have known and worked for Mr. Atchley. He not only built a dealership, but he built an Atchley Ford family. We have worked together, played together, laughed and cried together. This week we remembered the good and wonderful things about a man we felt privileged to call our Boss and our friend. He never made me feel any less important than the next person, and he always made you feel like wanting to do your best. It was easy to do that with him. I will miss those, "Good mornings" he always spoke and his smile which lit up his whole face. He will be dearly missed, but forever hold a place in my heart. My sincere and deepest sympathies, Di

Diane Meyer - January 31, 2016 at 12:18 PM

MA

“ Sincerest regrets for your loss. When growing up, I thought Wayne was the coolest guy on the planet. He and my uncle James took me under their wings and I thought it was so great to hang out with them. Your family is in our prayers. Monty & Colleen Atchley, Aunt Pat.

Monty Atchley - January 31, 2016 at 09:30 AM