



Clinton Howard Groves

April 22, 1941 - November 9, 2021

Anyone who had the pleasure of spending time around Clinton Groves likely learned a thing or two about OU football, horse racing, or diagramming sentences. His wit was truly remarkable- you could count on him to deliver a perfectly timed joke without fail, and you'd be hard-pressed to find a better-kept lawn than his.

Clinton was born in Byers, Texas on April 22, 1941, to Charles and Corene Groves. He graduated from Del City High School in 1959 and achieved his bachelor's and master's degrees from Central State University in 1963 and 1966.

He was enormously proud of his 35-year teaching career in Mid-Del Schools. He was dedicated to all aspects of Jarman Junior High, starting first as an English teacher and coach (it'd be easier to name a sport he wasn't involved in at some point), and then becoming Assistant Principal and Principal, where he led for 25 years.

He answered to many names throughout his life: Husband to his wife, Daddy to his daughter, Boppy to his granddaughters, Mr. Groves to his students, Principal Groves to some intimidated Junior High Schoolers, and "What's the Score?" to everyone who knew he'd have the answer.

His many talents included recalling statistics from every OU game in recent decades, explaining how to identify infinitives as objects prepositions, admiring the sport of bull riding, listening to the Sports Animal radio for seemingly more than 24 hours a day, and being extremely selfless toward the many women in his life who loved him dearly.

He passed away at the age of 80 on November 9, 2021.

He will be deeply missed and survived by his wife Kerry; his daughter and her husband, Stephanie, and Mark Michaud; his adored granddaughters, Taylor and Jenae Michaud; his sister, Sylvia Harper; his sister and brother-in-law Carolyn and Gary Trook, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A family service will be held.

It is only fitting to end with this, a piece of advice Clinton gave to an unassuming nurse shortly before he passed: "Don't end a sentence with 'at'."

Comments



“ Some people were put on this earth to teach, to mentor, to bring a smile....that was Clinton! To Kerry and family.... Thank you for sharing him with all of us! Cherrie Steele

Cheryl Steele - November 16, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Clinton Howard Groves.



November 14, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ Clinton Armstrong/1971-1974

Loved Mr. Groves. Without a doubt the nicest human. Really enjoyed him at Jarman. I saw him years later and said “Hello Mr. Groves “. He said you’re old enough to call me Clinton. I told him I could not. Godspeed Mr. Groves.

Clinton Armstrong - November 13, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ Mr. Groves got his haircut at my moms work fo as long as ive known him,but in 9th grade he called me in the office..i go in there amd he pulls up the blinds and says,whos car is that parked accross the street?i said mine sir,his faced turned beat red and said,son you CANNOT drive to junior high!i said why not i have my license!he suspended me..great memories!my thoughts and prayers are with yall..he will br missed..

Trevor Hudson - November 11, 2021 at 11:23 PM



“ Mr. Groves was my math teacher in eighth grade. My mom (Lillian Landrum) and I send our prayers and beautiful memories to Kerry and family. He was a wonderful teacher. Lillian Landrum and Hope Landrum Deaton.

Hope Deaton - November 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ I was at Jarman from 1980-1983 and had a couple of discussions with Mr Groves. Lol. He was the first person to say the following to me:
“What were you thinking?”
“Would you say that if your mother was standing next to you?”
“Just because you can do something, doesn’t mean you should do something.”
And my favorite,
“You are something Mr Tate, really something.”

He was always dressed impeccably and I remember him with a sharp gray suit no matter what the weather. He always put his arm on my shoulder after our “talks”. Knowing that I disappointed him was more punishment than anything else including swats. Lol.

A very intelligent man, I will always remember him in the hall by the main office winking at me as I walked by and asking me “Are you behaving yourself Mr Tate?”

Mr Groves will be missed.

Ken Tate/Jarman 1980-1983 - November 11, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ Mr. Groves gave me my first job at Jarman Jr. High. I loved that man!!! He always had a good joke and was always the sharpest dressed man in the room!!!! He will be miss by countless people whose lives he touched. RIP

Daryla Combs - November 11, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Mr. Groves was like a second dad to me growing up. I have wonderful memories of many sleepovers at their house and going on vacation with them. I will always treasure those memories. My heart aches for all of you. May the memories of your husband, dad and grandpa bring you peace. Love you all!

Janet Dyer Davis

Janet Davis - November 11, 2021 at 04:24 PM