



Duane Dalton Locke

October 20, 1931 - September 2, 2021

Duane Dalton Locke, 89, of Lubbock, Texas was welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior on September 2, 2021.

Duane was born on October 20, 1931 in Pettit, Texas to Frank and Selma Locke. He graduated from Pettit High School in 1949 and attended Wayland Baptist College for a year before enlisting in the U.S. Navy as a Radioman Seaman. He spent 4 years in service to our country before attending and graduating from Eastern New Mexico University. There he met the love of his life, Lena Mae House, who he married on June 21, 1957 in Portales, New Mexico. They welcomed their two children, Keith and Kim, in 1960 and 1962.

Duane was a Director of Athletics for several high schools in the area, while coaching football, basketball, and track. After receiving his Master of Education Degree from Southwestern State College in 1969, he later enjoyed a career as a High School Principal and served in that capacity for 15 years. He found great joy in his coaching and teaching career that spanned over 35 years. In the words of one of his former athletes, "God bless our Coach. He helped us become the men we are today."

Duane was a member of Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock for many years where he selflessly served with compassion and grace. Loved ones include wife, Lena Locke; son, Keith Locke; daughter, Kim Giles and husband,

Lane Giles; and grandchildren, Leah, Peyton, and Alyssa Giles.

Duane is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Selma Locke.

It is impossible to summarize the life and legacy of Duane Locke in so few words - loving husband, father and grandfather, adventure-seeker, encourager and teacher. Kind, wise, jokester, and friend, he was a man who never met a stranger. We know that when he met Jesus at the gates of heaven, our Lord said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

A time for visitation with the family is scheduled for Monday evening September 6th at Sanders Funeral Home from 4:00 to 6:00. A celebration of life will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday September 7th at Bacon Heights Baptist Church with Pastor Tom Heath and Pastor Nick Watts officiating. Please celebrate Duane's life by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com. Messages left on the website's online guestbook are encouraged. Acts of kindness expressed to Bacon Heights Baptist Church or The American Cancer Society are recommended.

A private graveside service will be held in the near future at the City of Levelland Cemetery. His urn will be placed at the gravesite of his parents.

Cemetery Details

City Of Levelland Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bacon Heights Baptist Church
5110 54th St
Lubbock, TX 79414

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Dalton Locke



Sanders Funeral Home - September 06, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ In the time we knew Duane and Lena at Bacon Heights Baptist Church they were a treasure close to our heart and soul God definitely has another Christian soldier that he has called home after doing his earthly work and can now truly experience the fruits of his labor Our prayers to Lena and his children and grandchildren He will be truly missed. Not a good bye but a heartfelt see you later Gary and Edith Callaway

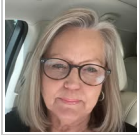
Gary and Edith Callaway - September 07, 2021 at 06:25 PM



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“ *My sincere condolences to Lena and family for your loss. I knew him as Coach Locke, teacher, and friend. I loved the tribute as it showed many things of him that I did not know. I know he had a wonderful life, touched many people, and he will be greatly missed. Thank you Coach Locke for the influence you had on my life. Respectfully, Dell Ingram Ward, Class of '69, Meadow High School*

Dell Ward - September 07, 2021 at 10:21 AM

JB

“ *Coach Locke and Lena were our faculty sponsors for MHS Class of 69. Coach was a well respected coach and man. He set a great example for all to follow. God Speed... Joan Melcher Blackmon...class of '69.*

Joan Blackmon - September 07, 2021 at 10:02 AM

LG

“ *Kim,
We are so sorry for your loss. Your entire family is in our prayers!*

Rob and Leslie Garrison

Leslie Garrison - September 06, 2021 at 08:28 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - September 06, 2021 at 02:39 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - September 06, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Lena, Kim, and Keith,*
I am so sorry for your loss. Duane was someone I knew I could
always count on. The neighborhood will not be the same. He will be
truly missed. May his memory be a blessing to you all.
Love, Ellen

Ellen Ince - September 06, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. I grew up just down the road from Frank*
and Selma in Pettit. My parents, Helen and E. Q. Box spent many
hours playing "42" and drinking coffee with the Locks. Many good
memories of the "old Pettit people" Duane was a great MAN. Mike
Box

Mike Box - September 06, 2021 at 09:16 AM

BB

“ *Kim,
So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.
Beverly (King) Brown*

Beverly Brown - September 05, 2021 at 07:37 PM

AH

“ *Thinking of Lena and the Family. Dwane was my next door neighbor my entire childhood. He was always teaching me something about gardening and how to keep a tomato alive in the bloating west texas sun. He gave my my first job, taking care of his plants while him and Lena went on vacation. I am forever thankful to Dwane, he taught me so much and was an incredibly kind person, even if he was razzing me about being an Aggie.*

*So sorry for your loss, Locke Family.
-Abbie Ince-Hendrickson*

abbie Ince hendrickson - September 05, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Duane Dalton Locke.*



September 05, 2021 at 12:03 PM

DW

“ Coach Locke was a mans’ man as I would now say as I am turning 70. But in my Meadow High School days of football and track he was a man I respected and wanted to please. Sometimes his choice..sometimes mine. My prayers are with the family and loved ones of a great mentor. And every young man that walked the halls of MHS..keep your hands to yourself and tuck in that shirt!!

*David Watson
MHS class of 1970*

Dave Watson - September 05, 2021 at 10:49 AM

MC

“ Kim, we are praying for you and your family as you navigate this time of loss. How wonderful that your Dad is in the presence of Jesus!

*Sincerely,
Jack and Myrna Clark*

Myrna Clark - September 05, 2021 at 08:17 AM