



Delbert "Del" Wayne Palmer

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Delbert Wayne “Del” Palmer, age 78, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware passed away peacefully on Monday, September 1, 2025, at Excel Care in Lewes, Delaware.

Born on September 25, 1946, Del was the son of the late Murray Palmer and Reatha (Oliver) Price. He graduated from McGehee High School in 1964 and went on to earn both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Science in Education from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, completing his master’s degree in 1972.

Del retired in 2019 after a long career in customer service with a company specializing in security storage and moving services in Washington, D.C. He was known for his dedication, warmth, and professionalism—qualities that made a lasting impression on both colleagues and customers alike.

A man of many passions, Del had a lifelong love of the theater and the arts. He was a devoted fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks football team and found great joy in cultivating flowers—especially orchids. His beautiful blooms were admired by many, often shared and celebrated on social media.

He will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

Del is survived by his sisters, Gloria (Price) McClendon (Butch) of Kernersville, NC, and Nina Stout of Star City, AR; niece, Laura Hanson of Roanoke, VA; great-nieces, Bailey Price Hanson and Maci Lowe Hanson of Roanoke, VA.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Richard "Dick" Price; and siblings, J.D. Price, Billy Price, Joedd Price, Peggy Markham, and Judy Beason.

Funeral services will be held at a later date at McGehee Cemetery in McGehee, Arkansas, where Del will be laid to rest among family and friends.



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In honor of Del's love for children and animals, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude>, or to your local animal rescue organization.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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DK

Doug Kellner lit a candle in honor of Delbert "Del".

In the spring of 1972.. Del produced and directed a community theater production of "Mame". He assembled an outstanding cast with a crew that created an experience of high energy, pathos, and delight. To this day, I've not seen a community theater production as fine as his. I shared these thoughts with him several times over the years. Rest well, my friend. I'll miss your humorous quips on FaceBook but will treasure the memories of our times together.



September 18 at 1:35 PM



Pam Ivins shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

40 years of friendship, lots of turmoil, love & loss. He stood for me at my wedding and was a great help with my Mother in her final years. We had so many holidays, vacations, celebrations - too many to count, but all filled with love. He has left a hole in my life.



September 17 at 2:42 PM

L

Leann Edwards posted:

Gloria, my favorite memory of Delbert was when I was in the 8th grade. Mother and I had had a huge fight in the Smart Shop in Greenville over Easter shoes! She won. I hated them. When I wore them to school the first time, I was walking in the band hall and delbert was walking out. He gasped and said, "I love those shoes! Look at that yellow patent leather t-strap!" They quickly became my favorite shoes! He also always kidded Linda Rotchild and me and told us our mothers would get us the classes we wanted every registration. Delbert was such a joy. I am so thankful Facebook brought us all back to enjoy communicating with each other. I will truly miss hearing from him.

September 17 at 12:48 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Delbert "Del" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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