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Joe and Margie Lawson Lane Scholarship

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Joe Lane came to PAMC in 1941, where he was active in baseball and basketball. He joined the Marine Corps Reserves in 1942 and was called to active duty in 1943 until 1946. On a 5-day pass, Joe married college sweetheart, Margie Lawson. Joe taught and coached in Hooker, OK for one year and in Kennebec, SD for three years. In 1950, both Joe and Margie returned to PAMC to further their education, along with their two sons. Joe was called back to active duty in 1951, fortunately, the professors allowed him to work ahead and on his leave. Joe and Margie graduated together in May of 1951. Margie was salutatorian of the class. After his release from duty in 1952, Joe returned to Guymon and worked the next 32 years for Dorchester Gas Producing Co. until retiring. He then worked two and a half years for Gruver Gas & Oil before fully retiring. Margie substituted in the Guymon Schools before taking the position of school secretary from 1956 to 1971, and then was appointed treasurer of the school district until she retired in 1986. Now they are able to give more time to their church, their community and their college. Joe

and Margie are lifetime members of the Panhandle State Association and Joe has served as president for three years. Both Joe and Margie are staunch supporters and promoters of OPSU. Joe is currently a Foundation board member.

Since they enjoy attending OPSU games and activities, Joe and Margie Lawson Lane endowed this scholarship with preference to a recipient who participates in the OPSU women's basketball program.

Joe Lane passed away 10-12-11.

Margie Lane passed away in December, 2017.

Margie Mae (Lawson) Lane was born to Dwight L. and Bessie (Havens) Lawson on April 26, 1924, in a dugout on her family's Willowbar community homestead in Cimarron County. Both of her parents came from pioneer families who settled in the Oklahoma panhandle in 1906. Margie graduated from Keyes High School in 1941 as valedictorian of her class and graduated as salutatorian from Panhandle A & M College in 1951 with a BS in Business and a minor in home economics and science. While at Panhandle A & M College, Margie was a member of the Zeta Gamma Club, was selected as the Aggie Queen 1942-43 and played on the girls' basketball team. Margie married Joe M. Lane, Sr. on February 29, 1944, while Joe was on a five day leave from the Marine Corp., just prior to Joe shipping out for duty during WWII. Margie and Joe were married 67 years, until Joe's death in 2011. Margie and Joe were the proud parents of sons, Joe Jr., born in 1945, and Terry, born in 1947.

Margie briefly taught school in Eads, Colorado and in Guymon, Oklahoma, where she eventually became the Treasurer of the Guymon Public School District, a position that she held until her retirement in 1986, after 31 years. Margie was a Life Member of the Panhandle State Alumni Association and was inducted into the

Panhandle State University Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001. Margie was also an active member of the Victory Memorial United Methodist Church. Margie was a big supporter of the Panhandle State University Alumni Association and later in life, she and Joe established a scholarship for OPSU girls' basketball in their name. Margie was an avid reader and loved crossword puzzles. She was a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society and enjoyed genealogy. Margie had spent many hours researching both her and Joe's family history. Margie was the middle sister of the Lawson sisters, Alice (Lawson) Humphrey and Lucille (Lawson) Burdge Cavis, and the three sisters remained close throughout her life. The Lawson sisters were a force of nature whether they were together or apart. Margie was a strong woman of faith and always led by example in her community. She was a wonderful homemaker, great neighbor and friend, and an active volunteer in her church. Margie was an incredible cook and often shared her delicious pies and other goodies made from the bounty of Joe's garden.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, Joe, her dear sister, Lucille, nephew, Dale Humphrey, and granddaughter, Pamela Maxell. She is survived by her much treasured sister, Alice Humphrey of Cordell; sons, Joe Lane, Jr. and wife, Carol Lane, of Amarillo, Texas, Terry Lane and wife, Shay, of Pinos Altos, New Mexico; grandchildren, Scott Lane and wife, Beth; Kimberly Lane; Tyrell Lane and wife, Amanda; Cole Lane and wife, Christy; Todd Cummins and wife, Nan; great grandchildren, Shannon Lane; Tanna Maxwell; Ryan Cummins; Jacquie Cummins and Teagan Lane. "Aunt Margie" also leaves behind her nieces, Kathy Smith, Judy Baze, Karel Payne and Jocille Kamphaus, who were each very special to her, and their respective families.

Lane hitch-hiked from Goodwell to OKC to volunteer for Marines

(From the Guymon Daily Herald)

Joe Lane of Guymon was attending college in Goodwell, Okla., when World War II broke out. In September 1942 he hitchhiked from Goodwell to Oklahoma City to volunteer for the Marine Reserves. When telling his story, there is no drama in the what Lane recites. To hitchhike over 250 miles is stated matter-of-fact. To have a war begin when your college years have begun is state matter-of-factly. It is obvious that Lane decided as a young man what he needed to do, and did it. "They had a minimum weight you needed to be and I was one pound underweight," tells Lane. So the Master Sergeant gave Lane one dollar to buy some food and Lane came back the next day, weighing in at 1.5 pounds to the good. "A dollar was a lot of money back then," explains Lane, "and I got me bananas and buttermilk." After that he hitchhiked back to Goodwell and continued with his schooling. At Seiling, while on the way home, he decided he needed a haircut. He went to the barber shop where the barber said, "Hop in this chair." "I had a nickel for the haircut," says Lane. But when they learned that he was returning back to school from enlisting, the fellows at the barbershop gave him some money to get on back to Goodwell with. On July 1, 1943, Lane was called up and sent to Louisiana. He was at boot camp at Paris Island for two months, then on to North Carolina to train some more. The next stop was Quantico, Va., for officers candidate school. "All that training," says Lane, "is not fun. It's business." In February of 1944 he was sent for more schooling in Camp Pendleton, where local boys Ed Love, the Strain brothers, and David Long, also were, according to Lane. The next stop for Lane was Hawaii where they were loading to go to Japan. "It was tough going," he says, "when we started invading." Then he and his men were assigned to clean-up. Lane came home. He came home to his wife, Margy, and his seven-month old son, Jody, whom he had never met. "He wouldn't go to him," recalls Margy. "He was in his uniform and was scared of Joe." Back to school for Lane in Goodwell at that point.

He graduated and coached at Hooker for a year then went to South Dakota for harvest. There in the north they hired him to teach typing and bookkeeping as well as coaching. He and Margie stayed for three years, then returned to Goodwell to take more classes. He had a superintendent's job offered to him in South Dakota and the family had two sons by this time. In the Spring of 1950, Lane received more orders. "So I went back in," says Lane. "Went to Korea. The country stayed military ready all those years." He spent a total of 13 months in Korea, and had spent seven months in Japan. It was two wars, five years apart and in 1951 Lane came home again. For that time, as a reserve, he receives no retirement, no benefits. The only benefit he received is knowing that he did what he felt was right. When he came home he was a Captain, up for Major. "It's kind of hard to think about all those things," admits Lane, who has always been a well-spoken man. The hardest part to think about are the men that didn't come back, he tells. Joe, who was born in Barnsdall, Okla., had graduated from high school in 1939 and first joined the CCC where he worked on the Eastern Slope of Colorado. He then came to Goodwell for schooling and considers himself lucky to have met Margie Lawson of the Boise City / Keyes area. When talking about the military and serving his country, Lane states facts. When talking about his wife, Lane's eyes shine and he has a grin. "She was a camp follower when I was going to all those schools. She was there with me when she could be." She still is. Sitting there during the interview, obviously proud of her husband, Margy and Joe Lane are a couple of Guymon heroes, although they would be last to agree. Area WWII veterans are to be honored on Sat., Aug. 13, with a parade and a luncheon in Guymon. "The end of World War II is not a national holiday," explains event organizer Roy Ehly. "We think it should be and are proud to be hosting an event in Guymon observing the day Japan's surrender was announced, thus ending World War II."