

2008 Parade Grand Marshall

Maxine Kingsbury

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Maxine Kingsbury is honored for the second time as the Kolache Festival Parade Grand Marshall. She was the parade marshall the first time 13 years ago for the 1995 festival. That year it rained on her parade and the vehicle she was riding in stalled and had to be towed by a wrecker through the parade route!

It is only fitting that the Kolache Festival Association recognize Maxine again, as she is the glue that holds the festival together. She untiringly and faithfully has been the backbone of the festival for 37 years. In 1989 when no one volunteered to serve as president, Maxine stepped up and took the reins, serving as chairman of the festival and making sure it was a success. At age 74, she continues to do the behind the scenes work for various committee chairmen as well as take phone calls, handle the mail and run the festival office from her home.

Maxine has served as Chairman of the Kolache Festival Board of Directors for 23 years. She has served on various festival committees. While teaching at Strother Public Schools and through numerous organizations, Maxine designed and help build over 90 floats for the festival parade. That's a lot of designing and creative thought put into the festival!

She taught high school business, home economics and art for 38 years, retiring in 1995. She is also very active in the Prague Round-Up Club and has served as the Oklahoma State Round-Up Association secretary since 1989.

Maxine's family includes two sons and daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Keith Wayne and his wife Janice, their children Bill Cody and his wife Kelli and two daughters Jaycee and Lillie; Kendall, and Clayton; and Steven and his wife Linda and their daughter Trisha.

Maxine attends the First Baptist Church in Prague. She was honored in 1989 by the Prague Chamber of Commerce as the Pride in Prague recipient and also in 1994 as the Citizen of the Year.

The Kolache Festival Association salutes Maxine for all the hard work and dedication she has put into the festival.