Many people go into the field of education to become teachers, and many of those people express dedication toward their school and students. Many are also devoted to the subject they teach, but very few do it the way Waylon Carroll did.

A former Texas Tech University graduate spent over 60 years involved in the education system. Educating students in agriculture and also serving on administration. His passion for education began at a young age when he decided to go to college. Coming from a farm background there was not a lot of extra money for his parents to set aside for his college education. So Carroll worked to pay his way.

“I had worked and saved up about 500 dollars from my FFA projects,” Carroll said. “I had received a job at junior college that paid 25 cents an hour so this would help pay for my room.”

“I had heard good things about Texas Tech but it was so expensive compared to Texas A&M. However, I could go to Tech and finish in three semesters or finish in four at Texas A & M,” Carroll said. “I decided to come to Texas Tech, a decision that I have never regretted.”

Carroll later moved back to Lubbock to teach at Monterey High School.

At Monterey we were very competitive and we were very good,” Carroll said. “We worked hard and came to the school. During my time there I trained five district presidents, five area presidents, and five state vice presidents of the Texas FFA Association.”

In addition to that he helped 70 students receive Lone Star Degrees and four American Farmer Degrees. Carroll said he also trained six leadership teams and eight judging teams. Lone Star Degrees and four American Farmer Degrees.

“I taught in the classroom the next 10 years and then moved to administration,” Carroll said.” I started out as vice principal at Monterey. I was named principal at Monterey High School and remained there until I retired in 1989.” After 40 years of service Carroll thought he was ready to retire but this lasted a very short time.

“I started part time at Texas Tech in the Continuing Education Department, working with high school correspondence.

He was named principal of Texas Tech High School and worked to help home-schooled students achieve their high school diploma. The job consisted of many responsibilities.

Carroll also accepted a part time position at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce

“I like to stay busy and I like to be around people. As Agriculture Manager,” Carroll said. “I helped educate the public about agriculture, Lubbock is a very blessed town in the sense of economy role in this.”

Carroll is a very humble man that continues to stay active and busy. He said Texas Tech has been very good to him and is honored to be apart of a great establishment. 🎓