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Rocky Mountain Rockets: Division 3 Football State Champions



The Division 3 State championship game took place on November 2 at North Rock Creek High School in Shawnee. The Rocky Mountain Rockets, the number 3 seed in the tournament were set to square off with the number 1 seed, Darlington Chiefs. Rocky Mountain came into the game with an 8-1 record, with their only loss to Division 2 Moffett, the state runner-up to Zion. Darlington got on the board quickly but the Rockets answered and took the lead 8-6 and never trailed again. With a relentless power running game from the I-formation and the Pistol and with Garrett Lemasters carrying much of the load, scoring all but one of the TDs, the Rockets scored to take a 30-20 lead with about 3 minutes left. On the ensuing kickoff, with Lemasters kicking off, Coach Bunch instructed him to aim a line drive kick at one of the Darlington front men. It worked, as the ball took a wild carom and went through a player's legs. With Lemasters following his kick, he managed to recover it in Darlington's territory. The Rockets took the ball into the end zone to go up by a score of 36-20 and effectively put the icing on the cake. The Chiefs did score once more for a final score of Rocky Mountain 36 Darlington 28. Coach Bunch, in his second year, told me that this was the first championship in 5 years, although over all, the Rockets have 7 under their belts. Along with Head Coach Tyke Bunch are coaches Jordan Turner, John Minor and Preston Hudson. Congratulations to the players and the coaching staff.

Story by John Bankel

Westville FFA

2023 NATIONAL POULTRY EVALUATION CHAMPION



I just want to put this in perspective for all of you. Our team of Freshman and Sophomores beat out 9,163 other teams in the US. Our very own Audrey Bailey beat out every other student in America going into a tie breaker with 1 other student. The rest of the kids on the team were in the top 10 and 25. These kids got off the bus like it was no big deal. I hope if you see any of them around town you take the time to congratulate them and let them know they are a big deal. Also our Ag teachers for pouring their hearts into these kids. They get up early and are gone til all hours of the night practices and running them to every possible competition so they can get experience. The dedication of the kids and advisors is admirable.

Mike and Teara Plunkett Facebook

QR code is the award presentation>>>



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Proverbs 11:6 KJV

The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.



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They Risked It All/It's the Truth MEMORIES OF FARM AND FAMILY

Number 50

By Donna Boecher

I was listening to the radio in the pickup when the Randy Travis song "He Walked on Water" caught my attention. It reminded me of my "Granny." I was sure that she "walked on water." We're blessed if we have a loved one who can do anything and everything . . . and loves us! My grandfather was a simple man who was quiet, yet diligent and responsible. He cared for his family, but he was not much into hugs. With two white mules, he plowed, planted, harvested, and stored corn; and occasionally raised a crop to sell at the canning

factory in town. Plus, he plowed Granny's vegetable garden. The first frost brought the slaughter of a pig which was salted and put up to cure. Granny was right there beside him when needed. She could do anything. She milked a Jersey or Guernsey every morning. She sent me with PaDick weekly to drop off fresh cream which would be put on the train going south, and to pick up groceries. Her list was short. It consisted of: 25 lbs. of flour in a flower print cotton bag, 10 lbs. of sugar, salt, leavening, vanilla, dried apricots, and one

glass bottled RC Cola or Orange Nehi. A rarity was a yellow cake mix. Everything else was grown on the farm. If bad times were about to fall, SHE was prepared; there was everything from: canned vegetables and fruits, smoked meats in the smoke house, fresh yeast bread on a Saturday, cucumbers brining in a knee-high crock, and fresh eggs resting in a basket on a bench in the screened-in back porch. SHE WALKED ON WATER.

What Is The Difference Between A Fiddle And A Violin?

Karen Hooper, the night secretary at ICTC, invited Donna Boecher and myself to visit Jerry Bigfeather's Fiddle Class. Jerry is pretty well known around these parts. As a matter of fact, he has become an international celebrity, but that is getting ahead of the story. He has been teaching fiddle and guitar at ICTC for nine years. This fiddle class met on Tuesdays from 6-9 pm, for 6 weeks in total. Two of the students, Elaina Fisher and Donna Fredrickson, were experiencing their first session and working on songs like "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Amazing Grace." The rest of the class, which had more sessions under their belts, (from Left to Right on the "Faded Love" QR code video). were Pat Hunt, Gary Long, Marilyn Dandridge, Teena Heugin and

Charli Fisher. Jerry played his guitar. They played their first song for us, an all time country favorite, "Faded Love." They played it tender and mellow. Next came another old country standard, "The Tennessee Waltz," to get you into a waltzing mood. The youngest member of the group and also the most accomplished, was 12 year old Charli Fisher. She said that she has been playing for 4 years. Jerry chimed in and told of Charli's second place finish at the Grove Fiddler's Contest. He said "She also took a 4th place at Cherokee Days." She played a solo for us, (I believe it was "Whiskey Before Breakfast"), an old hoedown tune. She played skillfully. (See QR Code). Charli plays several other instruments. Her mom, Elaina Fisher, told me that

Charli plays by ear. She has a gift. Oh, and back to the story about Jerry's international fame. He told us that he had been interviewed by Jennifer Loren, of OSIYO TV renown. As a result of that interview, Loren sent a life size photo of Jerry to the Museum Of The American Indian at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC, unbeknownst to Jerry. He tells of his nephew, Caleb, visiting the Museum. As the tour guide came to the place that had Jerry's photo on the wall, she began telling about it at which time Caleb exclaimed, "That's my uncle!" It did not take long for Caleb to share that image on social media and before anyone could say, "Jerry Bigfeather," he had become an international celebrity, without even knowing about it until later! Just one more



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Friday, December 15

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Commentary photo, and video's by John Bankel



thing. The answer to the Title question: A violin has strings; a fiddle has strings. So I was told by Charli! Jerry will have his next fiddle class in February. Meanwhile, he will be offering guitar and mandolin classes. Check with ICTC for dates.

Hoe Down



Faded Love



Tennessee Waltz



Philippians 4:8

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

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PROVERBS 29:2-"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

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Vocabulary Word:

holy. Set apart or worthy of veneration by association with God.

Ex. The Bible contains the holy writings of many godly people.



STILWELL Sports Spot Light

Commentary by John Bankel

SENIOR NIGHT: STILWELL SENIORS SAY "SO LONG"

There was an enthusiastic crowd assembled at James Bradley Memorial Stadium on Friday, November 3. For the final game of the year, Seniors from various school organizations were honored before the game. Each Senior was accompanied by an escort while his/her accomplishments were broadcast by the announcer. Some of those were members of the Football team. One in particular, that comes to mind, was Tray Chuculate. He displayed his value to the team against a formidable foe, the Poteau Pirates, who came into the game undefeated and ranked Number 1. While the outcome of this game was never in doubt, Chuculate played lights out. Poteau raced to a first quarter 27-0 lead. Poteau's relentless ground

attack never wavered, yet, despite all of that, the Indians never showed signs of quit. Chuculate's play provided some exciting moments. He blocked an extra point. He made some outstanding defensive stops, and, with 4 seconds left in the half and Poteau lined up for a 33 yard field goal attempt, Tray knifed in once again and blocked the kick. The best part? He picked the ball up at the 20 and headed down the sidelines, with several Pirates in pursuit, and with blazing speed crossed the goal line as time expired. That brought the halftime score to 33-13. Any notions of beating Poteau were quickly dispelled as the Pirates tacked on 2 more scores to start the second half. Besides the excitement that a Senior brought, two Fresh-

man also got into the act, as they have all season long with record setting performances. Late in Q2, QB Juan Matinez hit Freshman Chase Benham in stride down the sideline. Benham showed his state track championship speed as he outran the defense for a 62 yard score. Benham's counterpart, Freshman Brayton Carter, snagged a 47 yard TD strike from Martinez in the second half to round out the Stilwell scoring. With an improving Juan Martinez, a Junior, hopefully returning along with 2 Freshman standouts, and continued work on offensive and defensive line play, there should be no doubt that the Indians will field a competitive 2024 team. 2023 is in the books.

In Flanders Fields



John McCrae 1872 –1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

By John McCrae



DEAR JOHN.....

Dear John,
Veteran's Day is the perfect time for me to write this letter. I enjoy doing genealogy for myself and others. Along with my time spent digging into my ancestral past, and those of my friends, I decorate graves. I like to honor our vets with the truth of who they were. Such as, Confederate, or Union. This last Memorial Day I was decorating, and I was approached by a young couple. They were appalled by the small rebel flag I placed on one of the graves of a confederate soldier. They said that I was a racist and they took the flag. So, I got another one and put it back on the grave. Several of my ancestors were Confederates, and they never owned slaves. They fought for their land, and family. I see nothing wrong with placing flags on graves to honor their sacrifice. Whether it was for the Union or the Confederacy. However, I'm touched when I see the flags no matter which one it is. They were Americans. Do you think we should stop honoring the fallen Confederacy dead just because a minority of people think it is racist?

Not A Karen

Dear Not A Karen...there is a lot more going on here than just a Confederate flag on a grave site. The folks that "stole" your little flag were immediately guilty of trespass and violated your right to free speech. Sadly, today that happens much too often. The liberal left believes it can trample on anyone that does not agree with them. This is patently un-American. They love to use the "race card" as their ticket to bolster their own racist behavior. Be that as it may, your response was admirable when you put another flag in its place. This skirmish was won by you. The bigots lost. There are still more battles ahead. The "civil war" is not yet over. As Abraham Lincoln so famously said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." And as long as there is a political left and a political right, America will remain divided. Let the voices of reason and not emotion prevail.

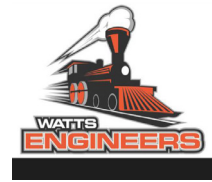
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Dear John

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ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

There are 4 Adair County High Schools that play football. The 2023 season for all but one of these teams has come to an end since only one of the schools qualified for the playoffs. Much work is left to be done ahead of the 2024 season. Following is the final game summary for Watts, Cave Springs and Westville.



Watts Engineers: 8 Man Football

On Friday, November 3, The Engineers ended their season with an away game at Wilson-Henrietta High School, (WHHS), who came into the game with an 8-1 overall record, 6-0 in District play. Watts was trying to even their season record and possibly qualify for a playoff spot. The Tigers had too much firepower for the Engineers to overcome, as they fell 36-14. The Engineers finished with a 4-6 season record with 3-4 in District play.



Westville Yellowjackets

On Friday, November 3, the Yellowjackets brought their season to a close. In a home game versus the Kansas (OK) High School Comets, the Comets saddled Westville with their 9th loss of the season by a score of 48-20. That brought Westville's season record to 1-9, having beaten Okmulgee as their only win.



CAVE SPRINGS HORNETS

On November 3, the 5-4 Hornets took on Foyil in an away game. The Panthers escaped with a narrow 23-20 win. Despite the defeat, the Hornets, finishing 5-5 on the year, qualified for the playoffs. The Cave Springs Hornets will extend their season when, on November 10, with a 7 pm kickoff in the first round of the District playoff, they will face the Dewar High School Dragons on Dewar's home turf. Dewar comes into the game at 10-0 overall and 5-0 in District play. Congratulations to the Hornets for making the playoffs.

Commentary by John Bankel



Searching for a Word: pious. Individuals showing a devotion to God and to a life of virtue.

Ex. The Pope in Rome is known to live a pious life.



THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET

Over the past several months the Federal Reserve has been using interest rate hikes to slow the inflation rate, but there are some storms on the horizon that all of us should be wary of. While raising the interest rate may be a tool, it can also be a two-edged sword. Our interest payments on the national debt are tied to the current rate. Already the interest rate is one of the three biggest expenses that must be paid by our government, we are quickly reaching a point where all the tax revenue that is collected across the country will not be enough to pay the interest on the existing debt. When we reach that point there will not be any money for anything else; right now we are having to borrow more money each year, which is called deficit spending. I have been in business for years, and I do know without a doubt that any business that conducts business like that will cease to be in business. The biggest driver of the current inflation is the high cost of energy.

Resident Biden and his merry bunch of Marxists foolishly declared war on our oil and gas companies because of their fanatical belief in the green energy religion. We could have

been virtually immune to the price fluctuations by being self-sufficient in oil and gas. The whole world is poised to get involved in another world war by what is going on in the Middle East. Now we are relying upon other nations that do not like us, but they do like our money. At one time we had a strategic oil reserve that could have provided some degree of protection, but from recent reports there is less than two weeks supply left in the reserve. That reserve was intended to be used for natural emergencies and providing a source of oil in case of war. Now we are teetering on the precipice of a world conflict; in the meanwhile, the current administration drained the reserve for political reasons to keep liberals in office.

If the events in the Middle East continue to get uglier, the price of a barrel of crude could easily break the \$100 threshold and even go higher. Fortunately, gasoline prices have not gone crazy yet, but just last July and August Gas costs jumped 11% driving more than half of overall inflation for the month. Many people are predicting triple-digit oil heading into the winter. We humans have a bad habit of becoming

complacent; we forget that price increases often do not come slowly, but many times they explode higher.

Our enemies know our weaknesses better than most of my fellow Americans. All it would take would be some strategic attacks in our own country to really put us into a bind. Our southern border is wide open and the current administration is shipping illegal aliens across our entire country, many of these aliens are from nations that hate us and preach death to America. Our power grid is a case in point; in the event of a terrorist attack and a prolonged blackout in our large cities, the death toll would be unimaginable because of the people killing each other for basic supplies. The way our system works, a problem in a part of the country far away from us could potentially cause blackouts in our back yard.

We Americans have been very fortunate in the past to have not having to endure chaos and war on our own soil, we need to remember that we are not immune. The world is a very dangerous place, we had better start getting serious about the dangers out there.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To..... Biden's Broken Road

Joe Biden's regime is rapidly crumbling; even high level democrats, including David Axelrod who was Obama's chief campaign strategist and even Obama himself, have gotten on the "no mo Joe" bandwagon. In a recent NY Times and Siena College poll, Biden's numbers showed another dive to a new low ebb. By all factual and realistic accounts, Biden's regime belongs on the scrap heap. Yet, one would not know that, considering Biden's insistence that his policies are working fine. Take his economic policy, which he calls "Bidenomics", yet should more appropriately be called "Bidencomics." The most laughable aspect of his insistence is that the economy is in good shape

and the fact that Biden and the democrats actually believe their self-serving mantra that our economy is in good shape. Nothing could be farther from the truth but then again Biden lives far from the truth. The American people are suffering from thinner wallets ever since he took over. That lie goes hand-in-hand with the "our borders are secure" fabrication. Still, what pushed him over the edge is when the poll revealed that he is losing to Trump in 5 of the 6 battleground states by 4 to 10 points. The only state in which the poll showed Biden with a lead is Wisconsin by a margin of 2 points. His road to another stint in the White House is now broken and the democrats

are imploding. They will really have to get the "cheat machine" into overdrive to win in 2024.

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again around the bend, my friend. Meanwhile, may your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. Happy Trails to you.

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WHAT'S SO PUNNY?

PUN FUN

Today's PUN FUN comes with a PUN PILE. These wisecracks from the mouths of babes will make your tickle bone funny and your ribs ache with laughter. I suppose we could entitle this barrage of retorts: "Kids say the darndest things"!

So, go ahead; jump into the PUN PILE.

Teacher: How old is your father?
Kid: He is 6 years.
Teacher: What? How is this possible?
Kid: He became father only when I was born.
(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.
MARIA: Here it is.
TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?
CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
TEACHER: No, that's wrong
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.
TEACHER: What are you talking about?
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.
(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
HAROLD: A teacher.

PASS THIS AROUND AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH!
LAUGHTER IS THE SOUL'S MEDICINE!!

Here is hoping you got some good yuks. Make that smile last awhile, at least until the next "What's So Punny?" and more PUN FUN. SO LONG!



Week 2 of 8

One episode of Krypto Kontest 9.0 has come and gone. There are 7 more to go. If you have not given Krypto a try, now is the time to get in on it and start accumulating points and put yourself into position to bag the \$25 cash and calculator prize. Today's Krypto answer is: 25. You are playing with 2, 5, 17, 9, 11. Remember, you must use all 5 numbers and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication or division to write an expression that equals 25. It is a fun challenge to engage your mind and keep it sharp. Give it a twirl.

Send your solution to: themathguy@usa.com or mail to: Krypto Kontest POB 885 Stilwell 74960



Obituaries & Funeral Announcements



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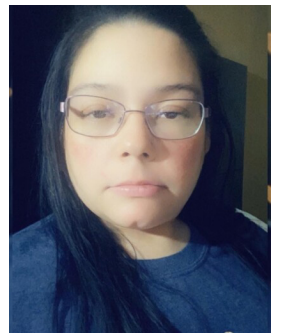
Vernon Lee Bailey the son of Rex and Christeen (Stevens) Bailey was born December 24, 1935, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life to be with Jesus on November 2, 2023, in Prairie Grove, Arkansas at the age of 87 years, 10 months and 9 days. Vernon married Faye Carlton on June 29, 1957, this union was blessed with a son Gary Bailey and a daughter Brenda Bailey. Vernon and Faye had 66 wonderful years together. Vernon loved Jesus and his family very much, also loved going to church. Vernon was a man who believed in hard work. He was a family man and enjoyed being home on the farm, although he did enjoy short trips to Branson. He was a farmer and raised cattle and chickens, also had his own litter business, he enjoyed visiting with his customers. Vernon touched many lives over the years and will be greatly missed by all who knew him, especially his dog "Kate". Vernon was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother Bob Bailey. He is survived by his wife Faye of the home; his children Gary and Donna Bailey of Stilwell and Brenda and Dennis Kester of Stilwell; his grandchildren Jason Bailey and wife Natasha of Farmington, AR, Jeremy Bailey and wife Erica of Stilwell, Marty Kester of Wagoner, OK, Dink Kester and wife Stacy of Kansas; his great grandchildren Tristan, Brayden, and Ashlyn Bailey, Lane Kester, Rylin and Noah Bailey, Levi, Tyler and Madison Kester; his sisters Mary Carlton of Stilwell, Norma Lofton of Tulsa, Alice Carlton and husband Don of Stilwell, Paula Worley and husband Jock of Stilwell; brothers Joe Charlie Bailey and wife Sharon of Stilwell; and sister-in-law Liz Bailey. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him. Vernon was loved very much by his wife, children and grandchildren, he will be missed very much, but this is just a short goodbye, we all will see you in Heaven.



Raveen Lynn Vann

July 3, 1989 — October 31, 2023

Those left behind to cherish Raveen's memory is her father Leonard Vann, sister Charles Renee Haun and boyfriend David Webster, brother Bryan Lee Vann, three daughters Kailey Lynn Daniels, Alexis Renee Daniels, Dianna Jerly Howard, aunts Jackie French and husband George Sr., Charline Essary and husband Phillip, and Milderd Wofford, and uncles Lee Wayne Pinkerton and wife Tonya, and Paul Pinkerton.



Raveen was preceded in death by her mother Dianna Lynn Vann, maternal grandparents Virginia (Jackie) Pinkerton and Charlie Pinkerton, paternal grandparents Hooley Vann and Martha Vann.

Carl "Coonie" Lee Mannon was born December 21, 1936 in Chewey, Oklahoma to Johnson Mannon & Carrie "Cootahyah" Crittenden. Coonie was raised in the home with his mother, 3 sisters & his brother until his mother's death. Running wild by the Illinois River as long as his chores were complete. He discovered a love for fishing, hunting and having corn cob fights.

On October 27, 1970 Coonie married, who he often referred to as his "One", Evalee Elizabeth Sisco Flute. With this union Coonie gained 4 daughters and 2 sons. They made their home in Westville, Oklahoma. While the changes were not easy, Coonie showed day in and day out that he loved each and everyone of the them. Together Coonie & Evalee grew their family through all of life's ups & downs until her death in 2003.

Coonie was a hard worker and provided for his family. He worked several different jobs until he went to work in 1971 at Baldor Electric until 2002, when at the urging of his wife he retired. Coonie flourished in his retirement. He could often be found on the banks of a river with a fishing pole in his hand, under the hood of a vehicle tools in hand, or hunting in the woods. Always close by was his friends, "the boys". He loved to spoil his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren & often could be heard saying "go get you a pop and candy bar".

In the early hours of November 2, 2023 God called this great man home to be reunited with his wife Evalee Mannon, his father Johnson Mannon, his mother Carrie "Cootahyah" Mannon, his three sisters Jenny Mannon, Leona Kelly, Annie Vann, his brother Brownie Mannon, his three daughters Sharon Watt, Janice Gregory, Ethelynn Flute, and one son Ronnie Flute, one grandson Sherman Christie, one granddaughter Charity Merchant & his life time friend Noble Lee West.

Those left to honor & cherish his memory are his daughter Regina Flute of Westville, Oklahoma, his son David Flute of Springtown, Arkansas, his niece Janet Stinebuck of Drumright, Oklahoma, 16 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nephews, cousins and many other family and friends.



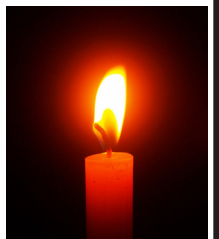
David Ross Wing, a resident of Westville, OK went home to be with the Lord on Nov 1, 2023, at the age of 71, after battling cancer for six years. He was born January 17, 1952, in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was raised by Seaph and Pearl Wing in Clear Creek, Oklahoma. David leaves behind his wife, Freda Wing, of 52 years, his son Gary and wife Daphne of Westville, three grandchildren; Maura, Serena, and Sam Augare. Five brothers; Gilbert Wing of Watts, Oklahoma, Bill Wing and wife Betsy of Lost City, Oklahoma, Donnie Guinn and wife Iva of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Bill Guinn and wife Sandra of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Randall Guinn and wife Becky of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, one sister; Vontreba Hudson of Westville, Oklahoma, two sister in laws; Mary Vaughn and husband Roger of Westville, Oklahoma, and Vera Puckett of Poteau, Oklahoma, and several nieces and nephews. David was a private person, person but was always willing to help friends and family any time he could. He raised cattle for several years. He loved his country, and he served in the U.S. army for eight years, which included two tours overseas. He loved coon hunting and in his earlier years, he was Master of Hounds for the United Kennel Club (UKC). He enjoyed fishing and he was always looking forward to his next fishing trip with family and friends. He loved traveling and enjoyed exploring museums as he visited new places. He was fond of history, and watching old westerns was one of his favorite pastimes.



William Daniel "Pete" Perry was born on February 13, 1936, to Joseph and Daisy Perry. He would pass from this life on November 6, 2023, at home, surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Pete would marry Georgia Keeter in July 1980 and together with their families would settle in Stilwell, Ok. Pete was the founding chief of the MidCounty Fire Department. He would spend his career in many different fields. Pete was a diesel mechanic, a security guard for Stilwell Schools, and retired from Talking Leaves Job Corp.

Those left behind to cherish Pete's memories are his wife Georgia; his children Janice Green and husband Jimmy of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Dan Perry of Monroe, Louisiana, Patricia Holdren of Glenpool, Oklahoma, Dr. Meleah Hoskins of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Michael Roberts and wife Karol of Stilwell, Oklahoma, and Millette Buckner of Stilwell, Oklahoma; brothers and sisters Judy Scarlett and husband Jerry, Mary Meyers and husband Rick of Shannon Hills, Arkansas, Relinda and husband William of El Dorado, and Nick Perry and wife Lisa of Alexandria, Louisiana; grandchildren Jennifer Dykes, EmiLeigh Green, Ally Perry, Turner Perry, Matthew Worsham, Joshua Worsham, Christopher Boster, Kelby Boster, Kinley Gatlin, Madison Gatlin, Savannah Hoskins, Breanna Jones, Tayden Roberts, Janessa Bunch, Regan Bunch, and Chase Buckner; 15 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and a special family friend Carolyn Jones of Stilwell, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph S. Perry and Daisy Idell (Morris) Perry, brothers Louis Perry, Jack Perry, Billy Perry; grandchildren Jeremy Colston, Jason Colston, and Jaime Colston. Pete wouldn't want anyone to be sad for too long. He would want everyone to remember the love, laughter, and memories shared.



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