



## Waldo Galen "Dub" Garnett

October 28, 1945 - January 25, 2007

Waldo Galen "Dub" Garnett was born October 28, 1945 in Mooreland, Oklahoma to Waldo Eugene Garnett and Rena Alice (Smith). He died suddenly in Alva, Oklahoma at the Share Medial Center on January 25, 2007 at the age of sixty-one years, two months, and 28 days. Dub grew up on the family farm in Harper County and graduated from Ft. Supply High School in 1963. He attended Panhandle State University and graduated from the "school of hard knocks" as he would say. In 1964 he was married to Bonnie Whittaker at the First Christian Church in Woodward, OK.

Following their wedding they moved to Buffalo, OK where he went to work as an assistant manager for Ideal Food Stores. Soon, he was asked to manage the Ideal store in Shattuck, OK. It became evident he had a gift of putting struggling stores back on track. Over the next several years, he managed Ideal stores in Enid, Buffalo, and Fairview before being assigned to the Alva store in 1971. By the time Ideal asked him to move to yet another town, John, James, Jerry and Julie had joined the family and it was time to stay in one place.

Dub decided to start his own business in Alva. In 1976, he purchased the Conoco bulk fuel delivery service with a single delivery truck and Garnett Oil Company was established. In November 1977, he opened Garnett's Conoco service station using a cigar box as his first cash register. Over the next thirty years, with much hard work, Dub and his help grew the business into what it is today. He did this by acquiring additional local delivery trucks and high-capacity transport trucks, opening the 24-hour card-key fuel pumps on Flynn Street, expanding into the gas station next door, and most of all by providing good service. His hobbies were restoring Model A Fords and old electric fans. He had a talent for finding old things and making them new again. His last project was his childhood wagon that he restored for his grandson Baylor.

One of his favorite pastimes was to join his friends on the bench in front of the station, which also served as a welcome mat for anyone who wanted to sit a spell. Dub, known for his quick wit, could pull a joke or good story out of the air to fit any occasion.

In the business he was in, he had the opportunity to meet many people. It was not uncommon to receive a call from the police late at night, with a person passing through who needed help. Some would come back later (maybe years later) and tell him how much they appreciated what he had done for them. There probably were many we never heard about, because helping was just second nature to Dub.

He was a member of the Oklahoman Petroleum Marketers Association and an FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer. He was also a member of the local "Breakfast Club" which met every morning before work.

Survivors include his wife Bonnie of the home, his four children, John Garnett, of Issaquah, WA, James Garnett, of New York, NY, Jerry Garnett and wife Debbie of Alva, and Julie and her husband Dr. Jon Wren of Alva. Grandchildren Megan, Blake and Devry Garnett, Camryn and Baylor Wren all of Alva, OK.

A sister, Avis Whittaker and husband, Steve, mother-in-law, Evelyn Whittaker all of Woodward, OK, brother-in-law Richard Whittaker and wife Barbara of Enid, OK, and sister-in-law Connie Welch and husband Joe of Woodward. Nephew Michael Whittaker, niece Michelle Williamson and husband Bruce, and niece Milissa Sturgill and husband Troy all of Woodward, OK. A nephew Kyle Whittaker and wife Leasa, and a niece Stephanie Jacobi and husband Steve both of Enid, OK. Nephew Joshua Welch and wife Roxanna of Slapout, OK, and nephew Jason Welch of Highlands Ranch, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law Dr. Richard L. Whittaker.

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# Events

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**JAN**   **Funeral Service**   02:00PM  
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Alva First Baptist Church  
714 College Ave., Alva, Ok, US