



Arlo D Darr

January 23, 1930 - April 27, 2016

Arlo Dale Darr was born January 23, 1930 and went to his heavenly home April 27, 2016. Arlo was the first born of ten children to Otis and Retha Darr. During Arlo's "growing up" years, he attended several different schools. In the first grade he attended Freedom, the second grade at Selman. (His dad worked for J.O. Selman). When the family moved to the Haines Ranch, southeast of Waynoka, they found that there were no buses running to the outlying area, so the children returned to Freedom and stayed with their Darr grandparents. At this time, Arlo was in the third and fourth grade. He attended his fifth and sixth grade years at Red Hill School. When Red Hill School closed Arlo finished the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades at Farry. Arlo was very proud that in his adult years he received his G.E.D.

In July of 1952, he went to work for Simpson Walker, Sr. Here, he began to feel some stability in his future, so on August 9, 1952 he married his girlfriend, Verlene Stewart. The couple spent 17 years on the Walker Ranch, where Arlo was foreman.

In 1969, Sheriff Clyde Vore went to the ranch and offered Arlo a job as Deputy Sheriff of Woods County. Arlo accepted, and the family moved to Alva. Later, when Vore retired, Arlo was elected Sheriff. Just before his term of Sheriff ended, he and police officers Bob Keltch, Mike Dooley, and Trooper John Eddings received an order to take a suspect into protective custody. During the encounter, Arlo was badly wounded, and was taken to the hospital where Dr. Hinkle and Dr. Simon performed surgery. He was later transferred to Enid.

In 1975, Arlo was elected Marshal and Chief of Police for the City of Alva. He served as Chief of Police from 1975 until he retired in 2007.

In 1996, Arlo was elected "Citizen of the Year", in 1998, "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year", in 2003 "Honored Old Cowhand" and in 2015 was presented "Lifetime Recognition as Parade Chairman". Arlo is a member of Town and Country Christian Church. He served on the Citizens Advisory Board of the Bill Johnson Correctional Center. Arlo was arena flagman for the Freedom Rodeo for 37 years. Until recently, whenever there was a funeral in Freedom, Arlo faithfully drove to Camp Houston and directed traffic on Highway 64, so that the funeral procession could cross the highway without a problem.

Arlo is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Neil, Bill, Jr, sisters and their spouses Joyce Riley, Laveta Parker, Juanita & Jack Beer, Co & Gene Province.

He is survived by his wife Verlene, son Shawn and his wife Paula of Alva, daughter Shelley Wyckoff and her husband David of Edmond, and a very special friend who has been like a daughter to him for 37 years Tanya Phillips of Alva. Grandchildren Darra Wyckoff-Bingham of Edmond, Stephen and Lisa Darr, Chris Darr, Jeremy Darr, Sadie and J.C. Crusinbery all of Alva. Great grandsons Colton Bingham and Degan Darr. Brothers Lewie and Lana of Coldwater, KS and Jim Darr of Freedom. Many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial donations may be made through Wharton Funeral Chapel, to the Freedom Fire and Ambulance Dept

Cemetery Details

Freedom Cemetery

Freedom Cemetery, OK 73842

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Freedom High School Auditorium
Main Street
Freedom, Ok

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Arlo D Darr*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - April 29, 2016 at 07:23 PM

NA

“ *Most people will never know the extent of Mr Darr's influence and his impact on so many lives. Mine is one of them. I just came across his obituary and sat here with tear filled eyes thinking about what a positive impact he had on me the week I spent with him... in a jail cell in Alva a long time ago. He took me to the bus stop, gave me a hug and told me to make better decisions...I did! God bless his family!*

Nathan - October 15, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *I always respected Arlo, his is dearly missed.*
Sincerely,
Jon B. Linder

Jon Linder - June 29, 2016 at 02:41 PM

RB

“ Verlene and family, I was so sorry to hear of Arlo's passing. He was definitely one of the good ones. Another icon gone to that great meadow in the sky. They are all rejoicing together. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Rosalie (Howland) Bliss

Rosalie Bliss - June 20, 2016 at 01:35 PM

JD

“ Verlene, Shelley & David & Shawn, Paula & family we are so sadden by your loss. Our memories of Arlo will never fade & you all are the best neighbors anyone could ever have. God bless you all & may God comfort you in this time of grief..
Jim & Marilyn Davison



Jim & Marilyn Davison - May 03, 2016 at 07:38 AM

TP

“ We are sorry for your family's loss, but Arlo, if you are guarding the entrance to heaven, please be sure English has passed through this week, and make a reservation for Marceline in the future! The Pipers

The Pipers - April 30, 2016 at 10:15 PM

JE

“ I just heard today that Arlo had passed. Am so sad that he had go. He was a great to me when I was stationed in Alva. When I remember my time in Woods County Arlo always comes back in my memory. He was a great friend I shall always remember.
Tpr. John Eddings 453 retired

John Eddings - April 30, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arlo D Darr.*



April 30, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ *Jimmy, your brother and family name will be forever remembered as an icon to this community. I will think of him always, such a kind soul, as I drive by his cherished horses, not far from his final resting place. He's riding green pastures now in cowboy heaven. Mr. And Mrs. Katie Blunk and Michael Horntvedt*



Katie Blunk and Michael Horntvedt - April 30, 2016 at 09:12 AM



“ *To the Darr family,
It was, indeed, an honor to know Arlo. He was truly a remarkable person who made a profound difference in many, many lives. We are very sorry we will be unable to attend the service on Saturday.
With our deepest sympathy, Calvin and Verna Graybill*

Calvin and Verna Graybill - April 29, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wharton Funeral Chapel - April 29, 2016 at 06:51 PM

TS

“ Verlene and family, We were so sorry to hear of Arlo's passing. He was such a gracious man in all ways, even when he told us hello, it was a special greeting to friends. Arlo was just that way. May God give you Peace and wrap His precious arms around all of you at this time. Arlo will be greatly missed by all.



Love in Christ, Vernon & Twylah Jo (Ferguson) Sanders, Goltry, OK.

Twylah Jo Sanders - April 29, 2016 at 06:22 PM



“ *What a great loss for the Alva community. I have known Arlo my whole life. I remember the day that he got and the impact it had on my Daddy who was a great friend with Arlo. Arlo gave many people their start in law enforcement. He had the heart of a giant. He always did the right thing for the community and the people who lived there He had a way to make everyone feel like they were important in this mean world. The world needs more people like Arlo. Rest in peace , my friend. You earned your wings many years ago and you now are reaping the rewards. My thoughts and prayers are with Arlo's family. May God grant all of you peace and comfort in the coming days.*

Kimberly Wildeman - April 29, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ *Arlo has left an impact on this community as much or more than anyone we have ever known in my life time. Though he has been honored and awarded for many things he has done in the community, there are many, many more things Arlo has done out of the kindness & generosity of his heart that went unknown to most. Arlo was an outlier, an exceptional, one of a kind person. A person that it has been an honor to know.*

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of the Darr family. Our hearts & prayers are with you all.

The Family of William & Stacy Zahorsky

William Zahorsky - April 29, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Arlo D Darr.*



April 29, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *Gary And Linda Peterman lit a candle in memory of Arlo D Darr*



Gary and Linda Peterman - April 29, 2016 at 01:03 PM



*Verlene, Shelly, David and Shawn,
Arlo was a very Special Gentleman. We knew him for many years and his friendship meant a great deal to us.
Our prayers are with you and all your family.
In Christian love,
Gary and Linda*

Gary and Linda Peterman - April 29, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlo D Darr.*



April 29, 2016 at 08:57 AM

CG

“ Arlo was a very special person who influenced many peoples lives. His concern and kindness helped people when they needed it the most. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.
Otis and Cherry Gatewood

Cherry Gatewood - April 28, 2016 at 10:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arlo D Darr.



April 28, 2016 at 03:29 PM

DS

“ Dale & Vaughna Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Arlo D Darr



Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - April 28, 2016 at 02:03 PM

DS

We have such good memories of our times with Arlo and Verlene. We pray each of you may find comfort and warmth, remembering Arlo, with special memories etched in your hearts.
Our sincere condolences.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - April 28, 2016 at 02:07 PM

LL

“ *Lisa (Evans) Lopshire lit a candle in memory of Arlo D Darr*



Lisa (Evans) Lopshire - April 28, 2016 at 12:18 PM

GS

“ *George Stewart purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Arlo D Darr.*



George Stewart - April 28, 2016 at 10:41 AM

RH

“ *One of the best of a great bunch of men it has been my pleasure to know. Arlo had a love and commitment to family, friends and community that is unsurpassed. May he rest in peace and may peace be with his family.*

rocky hodgson - April 27, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DW

“ With deep sadness we send our love, prayers & sympathy to Arlo's family. He was a Christian man who loved his family, was civic minded & quick to help anyone who needed him. At peace now, he can rest forever in Heaven.

*Dudley & Jeanne Winn
Ina Sylvester*



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - April 27, 2016 at 01:35 PM