



Bud Bickford

May 23, 1928 - December 16, 2018

Melvin Cecil, son of Florence Lucille (Long) and Cecil Floyd Bickford, was born May 23, 1928 in Freedom, Oklahoma. He passed away December 16, 2018 in Kiowa, Kansas at the age of 90 years, 6 months and 23 days.

He attended the Freedom school system and graduated with the class of 1947. As a senior in high school he was an All-State baseball pitcher.

Following high school he attended Oklahoma A&M for 2 years. He worked at the Crow Ranch grooming the show cattle and working the show circuit across the Midwest.

Bud returned to the Hardtner area in the early 50's and met Gloria Maurer. On May 23, 1953 they were married at St. John's United Church in Hardtner. To their marriage three daughters, Terry Elaine, Anita Cecile and Rhonda Jean were born.

In 1974 he graduated from NWOSU. After graduating he worked as a Livestock Inspector for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture until his retirement.

Bud loved raising sheep and shorthorn cattle. He enjoyed actively helping his daughters, grandkids and many area youth in 4H & FFA livestock programs. In his spare time he enjoyed playing card games with family and friends and bowling in men's and mixed leagues and competing in national competitions. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Florence; his loving wife, Gloria; an infant daughter, Rhonda Jean; a daughter, Terry Liggerstoffer, and a sister, Wanda Hackney.

Bud is survived by his daughter and her husband, Anita and David Noland; five grandchildren, Heather and Travis McGregor, Trey and Sarah Noland, Coby Noland, H.J. and Raelynn Ligenstoffer, and Ky Ligenstoffer; a great grandson, Mason McGregor. He is also survived by a sister, Iris Jean Owensby; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Alva 4H and FFA Booster Club.

Cemetery Details

Hardtner Cemetery

Hardtner Cemetery, KS 67057

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 20. 1:30 PM (CT)

Alva Wesleyan Church
302 Church Street
Alva, OK 737 17-

Graveside

DEC 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Hardtner Cemetery
Hardtner Cemetery, KS 67057

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Iris Jean & all of Bud's family, I'm so sorry for the loss you're suffering thru during this Christmas season. Sending my sympathy today & in days to come.



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - December 19, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ Anita and Dave and all of Buds family,

We were very sorry to hear of Bud's passing. He was one of a kind. We always appreciated all of the help he gave to us when our kids were showing sheep in Alva. We also always had a great time running around the country and several states looking for the "good" ones and enjoying trying all of the little hole in wall cafe's that he had remembered from years before. Many from back in the day when you were showing, Anita.

We watched as he worked with so many kids along the way. That is a very special person that will give so much to help others.

Please know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Clint and Dawn Shafer

Clint Shafer - December 19, 2018 at 11:08 AM

JS

“ I was very sorry to read of Bud's passing. I would see him occasionally at the coffee shop. Prayers for the family.



Jim Scribner - December 18, 2018 at 01:54 AM

JA

“ Ms.Anita and Dave, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Dad has a special place in our hearts and will never forget him.He will truly be missed. Jho Ann J

Jho Ann - December 17, 2018 at 08:05 PM