



Delbert Rhodes

June 7, 1939 - January 13, 2022

Delbert George, son of Velma (Holt) and Harry Rhodes was born on June 7, 1939 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away at Share Convalescent Home on January 13, 2022 at the age of 82 years, 7 months and six days.

He attended the Alva School System and graduated with the class of 1957.

He started working at a young age helping Bob and Verda Smith with the Ranger Café, seining minnows with his dad, and working at Blakemore Grocery. He worked as a store manager for Safeway grocery stores in Dodge City, Kansas and later spent many years as a produce manager for Safeway, then Homeland, and Alva's Market. Delbert played a big role in the startup of Alva's Market. In the 1970s, while working at Safeway, he was also the owner /manager of the Family Shoe Mart in Alva.

Delbert loved to fish with his father Harry and many other friends as the years went by. Some years during spring break, he and his friends would take fishing trips to the Lake of the Pines. He was an avid hunter and began selling and collecting guns and fishing equipment long before he opened Pony Boy Lures and Guns in the early 1980s. He and his friends, Jim Hannaford and Jerry Cox, would attend the annual Elvis convention in Memphis, Tennessee, where they bought and sold memorabilia.

He cared for his mother and cousin Elvin in their home for many years. He was very careful with his possessions and took great pride in his pickup, boats, and property.

Delbert served for more than 20 years with the Alva volunteer fire department

and the Oklahoma National Guard, where he was a supply sergeant and performed his duties long and well.

In 1964, he was married to Vicki Turner Tafe. To this marriage one child, Daren Michael Rhodes, was born. He was also a loyal father to his stepdaughter, Venesa White.

Later, after years of being single, Delbert started courting Lucille Sneary. After nine years of dating, the two were married on April 30, 2003 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The pair were loving companions and traveled to many bowling tournaments all over the country. Delbert sponsored a bowling team in Alva for several years.

Delbert was a faithful member of the Barnes St. Church of Christ, attending regularly until his health prevented it.

He was preceded in death by his parents and twin infant brothers.

Delbert is survived by his wife, Lucille of the home; son Daren Rhodes of Tucson, AZ; daughter Venesa (Steve) White of Tulsa, OK; son Bart (Shari) Sneary of Dundas, MN; daughter Alice (Val) Schmidt of Dover, NH; sister Genevieve (Ernie) Farris of Alva; grandchildren Tegan, Lexie and Chandler Rhodes, Eli and Parker Sneary, and Gracie, Maria and Caroline Schmidt; niece Leah (Kevin) Haines of Oklahoma City. bonus sister Connie (Jesse) Truax of Leesburg, FL; as well as several cousins and special friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may go to the Barnes Street Church of Christ through Wharton Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard
Alva, OK 73717

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

JAN 17. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

Alva First Christian Church
821 College Ave.
Alva, Ok

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Delbert Rhodes*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 16, 2022 at 06:59 PM

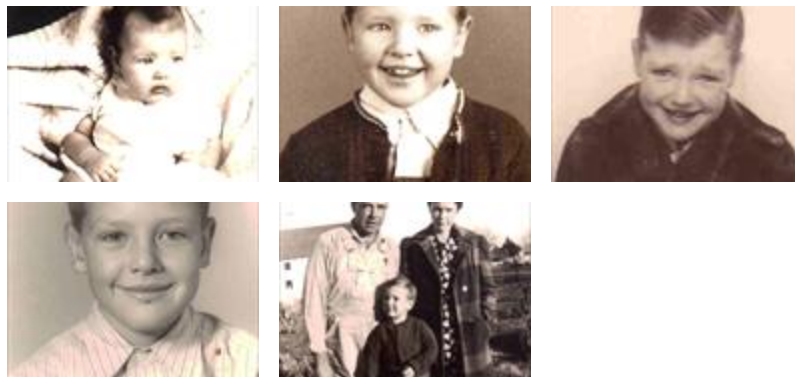


“ *Worked with Delbert for many years. He was a fun guy. He and I and Jim and Steve Hannaford both drove and flew to many NWOSU basketball and football games together. The world was a better place, because Delbert was a part of it.*

jerry lingnau - January 19, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *48 files added to the album Delbert Memories Album*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - January 17, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delbert Rhodes.*



January 17, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Lots of memories. You will be missed. Lucy, Bill and I are thinking about you and the family. May you be blessed with the comfort of the Holy Spirit*

Bill and Linda Beeler - January 15, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Lucy, Sorry to hear about Delbert's passing. Years ago we and worked at the Ewalt Deviney auto Dealership/repair garage. He was fun loving and positive. Bill Hester*

bill I hester - January 15, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Dear Lucy, our hearts go out to you, Love the man Delbert was. Sending all our love to you.*

Jane Gaskill and Daniele McOsker

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“ *Lucy. & family, Expressing sincere condolences in your loss! Praying your hearts will be warmed by special memories.*

Vaughna Schmidt - January 13, 2022 at 11:33 PM

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“ Years ago DEIBERT and I worked together in the grocery business. At one time he borrowed my Cowboy boots and a western shirt so that he could go to a rodeo. At one time we were very close friends. Dear buddy Rest in heavenly peace. Francis

Francis R. Melkus - January 13, 2022 at 11:05 PM