



Earl Leroy Wilt

December 3, 1940 - October 30, 2024

Earl Leroy, son of Gladys Ethel (Hickman) and Frank Clinton Wilt was born on December 3, 1940 on a cold and stormy night, in an old farmhouse in rural Woods County west of Dacoma. The inclement weather forced the attending doctor to spend the night there. He passed away at his home in Alva at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 27 days.

At the age of five Earl attended a one room county school as a sole first grader. The family then moved to Alva where he attended second through sixth grade at Washington Grade School and junior high at Horace Mann on the NWOSU Campus. His high school years were split between the old Alva High School on Flynn and the new Alva High School on 14th Street.

Earl received a degree in natural science with an education minor from NWOSU, In 1962 he took a teaching job in Sawyer, KS teaching science and history classes for four years until it consolidated. He then began teaching at Jet, OK in 1966, remaining for 26 years as a science teacher as well as principal and superintendent for a time.

He especially enjoyed teaching biology, chemistry, and botany. He was proud of his students: he ran a "Tight Ship" and took many students to summer science camps out of state.

He received his Education Masters Degree from NWOSU in 1967 and further education at Eagle Lake Biological Station, plus ecology studies at Aspen Colorado retiring in 1992.

He married Lynn (Von Gunten) Kinnamon in Jet, OK on February 15, 1991.

After retiring Earl pursued family genealogical research. He loved to travel, to study the American West and Native Americans. He was an accomplished student of their histories, lore, and a knowledgeable collector of their art forms. Earl was an avid flower and tomato gardener, spending hours working in his yard.

Earl is survived by his wife, Lynn of the home here in Alva, his brother Lewis Dean of Alva and number of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made through Wharton Funeral Chapel to N.W.O.S.U. Foundations in his name or to the Alva Public Library Genealogy Department.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

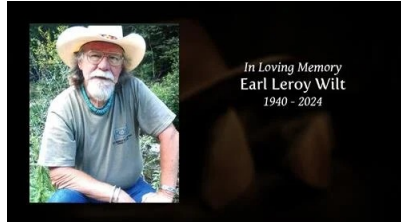
NOV 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl Leroy Wilt



Wharton Funeral Chapel - October 31, 2024 at 06:09 PM

SB

I was already in awe of Mr. Wilt before I ever got to high school thanks to my older siblings. How cool is a science teacher who actually keeps a baby alligator in his classroom! (Okay, maybe it was a caimen.) Linda is right on when she talks about how easy college level science courses were after sitting under Wilt's instruction. And I loved the fact that he didn't take any nonsense from the rowdy kids. Thanks for sharing the pictures, Lynn. Love the fact he could've played Doc Holliday or Wyatt Earp as easily as any Hollywood actor!

Susan Tarrant Burchfiel - November 04, 2024 at 04:29 PM

LN

“ *Mr Wilt was my science teacher. I learned so much from him. How to take good notes so when I went to college my Biology class was so easy because I already knew all the stuff my teacher was teaching. We had to collect leaves and then take a test on what tree the leaves came from and I still use that knowledge today. We also made an insect collections which my cousin and I loved to do. Find insects and identify them. I will always be grateful for the knowledge Mr. Wilt made a part of my educational experience.---*Linda Harper Nulik

Linda Harper Nulik - November 03, 2024 at 07:46 AM



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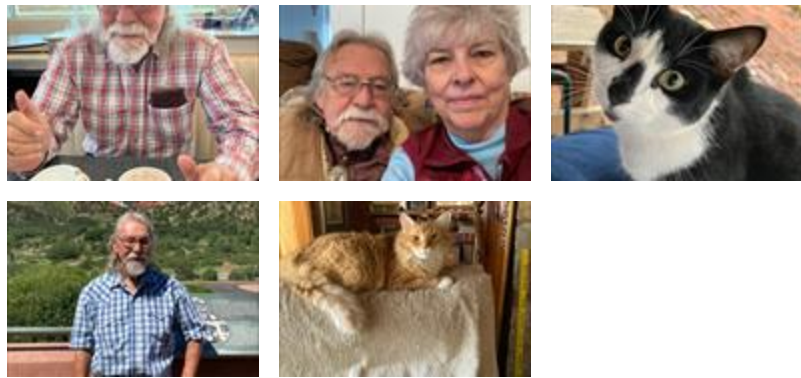


“ Lynn and Lewis....my sincere condolences on your loss of Earl. Always enjoyed seeing him, the chance to talk a bit, with a nod and smile from him. Earl helped me get my first job at Ideal Food Store in Alva as a sackboy and stocker. A quiet mannered sole and a friend I will remember.
Paul Woodson OKC

Paul D Woodson - November 01, 2024 at 02:21 AM



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