



## Gerald William Lamkin

May 15, 1941 - March 26, 2011

Gerald William, son of Amy Ruth (Oliver) and Kenneth Franklin Lamkin was born at home on May 15, 1941 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid, Oklahoma on the 26th day of March at the age of 69 years, 10 months and 11 days.

He attended Blackwell school system and graduated with the class of 1959. Following graduation he enlisted in the United States Air force and was honorably discharged in 1966.

On December 19, 1962 he was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Goodrich in Alva, Oklahoma, where they settled and raised their two children, Hollis and Faren.

Later on he continued his education in Auto and Diesel Mechanics where he received his teaching certificate from the State of Oklahoma. He went on to teach Diesel Mechanics at the Alva Vo-Tech.

He owned and operated L&L Diesel Repair east of Alva he also worked for Kirby Smith Machinery, AIS Continental, and worked with his brother Tom at Triple T Truck and Trailer Repair in Oklahoma City. After retirement he kept busy working part time for the Alva Beaver Express.

Mr. Lamkin is preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Bill is survived by his wife Barbara of 48 years, a son, Hollis and his wife Laura of Alva, one daughter Faren and her husband Steve Litson of Enid, Oklahoma, four Grandsons: Zane, Michael, T.J. and Payton, three Granddaughters: Kaylin, Kimberly and Shelby, four Great Grandsons and two Great granddaughters.

Two brothers, Tom Lamkin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, John Lamkin of Lufkin, Texas, three sisters: Marjorie Hansard of Bell Plain, Kansas, Lorinda Shelite of Enid, Oklahoma, and Elaine Roach of Grapevine, Texas, two brothers-in-law and their wives, Chet and Yvette Goodrich and Ron and Rita Goodrich all of Alva. A number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere thoughts are with you.*

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie Davison Helm** - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *To each of you our Deepest Sympathy. We Hope to see you tomorrow.*

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**Wayne & Helen Roy** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *Our deepest sympathy is with your family. May there be comfort in knowing someone so special will never be forgotten. May God bless and be with all of you.*

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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Barbara, Hollis, Faren and family;*

*Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel in the loss of Bill. I want to share with you the following note I received when we lost Elliot and look back on for comfort. "What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget".*

*May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time.*

*Rita Burton Castleberry*

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**Rita Castleberry** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Barb, Hollis & Farren,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I so remember many times during our childhood years and the many memories we all have. Treasure the many memories!!!*

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**Robin (Keele) Lewis** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *HOLLIS AND FAMILY, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.*

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**RICK AND DEBBIE PERKS** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ We so well remember Bill--Just as he was completeing his studies at the Wayne/Payne Vo-tech in 1976, we were about to leave Alva. Barbara had been my friend & beautician for so many years and Bill popped in the shop one day and out of the blue offered to transport his camper trailer to our building site in Liberal,Kansas. Bill had been living in the small trailer while he studied in Wayne, Ok. "No" just wasn't an option--so Jim lived in their camper for 3 months--I visited weekly-- Bill provided our first "home" in Liberal and we think about that fondly. . What a generous, all around nice guy who we will never forget. Our love to the whole family. Mary Jane & Jim Thompson

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**Mary Jane & Jim Thompson** - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Barb,Sorry to hear of Bill's

*passing. He was a good man & will be missed. We will be praying for you all.*

*Jim & Marilyn*

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**Jim & Marilyn Davison** - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM