



J.W. Small

July 13, 1928 - December 22, 2009

J. W., son of Paul M. and Edith (Smith) Small was born on July 13, 1928, at Ashland, Ks. He passed away in Integris Baptist hospital in Oklahoma City, OK on December 22, at the age of 81 years 5 months and 9 days.

He began his education at a small country school, Keystone, in Alfalfa County for two years. He then attended Lambert School for two years. His family then moved to the Dacoma area where he completed his public schooling in Dacoma Schools, graduating in 1946. He then attended Oklahoma A&M, now OSU, for two years.

He returned to Dacoma, in 1948, to take over his Fathers commercial hog buying business. Shortly after returning from Stillwater he married the love of his life, Ruth Ann Vore. From that union, four children were born; Preston, Jennie, Jeanette and Lisa. J.W. and Ruth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 23, 2009.

He operated the hog buying business for over 50 years, and also was involved in cattle, wheat and hay business's. He followed in his fathers footsteps by becoming involved with thoroughbred horse racing, which he and Ruth enjoyed together. He enjoyed all aspects of the business, especially watching a newborn colt progress to being a successful, winning race horse. J.W. especially enjoyed going to the races with his family in tow.

J.W. was involved in numerous community organizations and boards; Too many to mention individually.

J. W. enjoyed watching his children, and in later years, his grand children

participate in their academic and athletic interests.

As a member of the Alva Wesleyan Church J.W was an active member and supporter of the Church's many activities, beliefs and projects.

J.W. is survived by his wife Ruth Ann, of the home, a Son, Press of Norman; three Daughters, Jennie Small of Woodward, Jeanette Atha and her husband Fred, of Clinton, Lisa Boler and her husband Mark of Enid. Four Grandchildren, Justin Small, and his wife Miranda of Oklahoma City, Travis Small, of Cleveland, Ohio, Jared Atha and his wife Alison, of Canute, Jenisa Penn and her husband Danny of Pittsburg, KS. A sister, Lolita Leslie and her husband Max of Alva and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews other relatives and many friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Alva Wesleyan Church
302 Church Street
Alva, Ok

Tribute Wall

SN

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Sally Nolen - January 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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DM

“ I am so sorry for your loss, just know your dad is ia a much better place and even though he is gone he will be with you always.

Deanna Martinez - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My heart goes out to the entire family of J.W. He was the kindest man I ever met since coming to Oklahoma. With my sincerest sympathy ~Susan Parent

Susan Parent - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Thinking of you and your family. Much love.

Lori Jackson - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To Ruth and Small family. I was so sad to hear that JW had passed away and am so sorry for your loss. But also for the loss of an outstanding and generous member of the Dacoma community and surrounding area. I always looked forward to seeing you and JW on my visits to Dacoma and particularly on the occasion of the Garrison Annual Meetings. His presence will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary Jane

Additionally: The online Memorial Video of photos is so very dear.

Mary Jane Baker Southwick - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Our thoughts are with your family.*

Paula and George Hamand - December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *What a difficult time to lose someone you love. We know how he had suffered but is now at peace. May that peace also be with you. Love you guys!*

Beverly and family

Beverly Thomason - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during the loss of this special man of Dacoma & surrounding communities. We've known J.W. as long as I can remember & he always had a smile & hello for everyone. May you find peace in the wonderful memories of him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

Roger and Pauline Kassik - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are thinking of you and your family. May you know the peace of our heavenly father

Bill/Linda Beeler - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.
Shawn and Dawn (Kassik) Burkes and boys.

Dawn Kassik Burkes - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will certainly miss JW and Rowdy stopping in to visit at our shop. JW and Rowdy would ride over together, Rowdy riding right along behind JW on the 4-wheeler, to share pictures and stories of his racehorses or to share fresh tomatoes out of his garden. We truly enjoyed him as a special neighbor.

Gene & Lynni Greb - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Jeanette and family:
We are thinking and praying for you all. Your dad was a special man and father who was loved by many!

Curtis & Peggy Constien - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Beth Sak - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Thinking of you and your family in your loss.

Lou Anne Mullens - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Jeanette, I had been wondering about the racehorses, now I know. Your Dad is the kind of man I would have loved to sit down and talk to. I'll bet he could tell some really great stories! He will be greatly missed, but the good memories will be forever!

C. Allen Atha - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Ruth and family...Dale has mentioned many times of selling/buying hogs to/from J.W.; considering him a good friend and honest business man. Our deepest sympathy to each of you, and we pray special memories will help console you.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM