



Landis Trekell

February 27, 1935 - December 1, 2020

Landis Trekell, age 85, of New Boston, TX, passed away on December 1, 2020, at Wadley Hospital in Texarkana, TX, after a 22 day stay in ICU battling Covid-19.

A memorial service will be held in Nash, TX on December 3, 2020, at Chapelwood Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 5 pm and the memorial service from 5 to 6 pm.

Public visitation will be in Alva, OK, at Wharton Funeral Chapel, from 10 am to 12 pm Saturday, December 5, 2020.

Private family graveside services will also be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Freedom, OK cemetery at 2:00 P.M.

Arrangements are by Texarkana Funeral Home of Texarkana, TX, and Wharton Funeral Chapel of Alva, OK

Landis was born on February 27, 1935, near Fort Supply, OK to William Albert and Eula Alice (Lindell) Trekell. His early years were spent on the ranch at Ft. Supply, Ok, on a farm near Ringwood, Ok, and later in Enid, OK, where he attended junior high school and high school, graduating in 1953. He attended Northwestern State College from 1954 to 1958, where he graduated with a BS degree in Industrial Arts Education. He received his Masters degree from Oklahoma State University in 1964 in Industrial Education with emphasis upon Vocational Carpentry.

Landis had several teaching jobs in the Industrial Education field, with his first

being in Walsh, CO. His next job was teaching vocational carpentry in Waynoka, OK for seven years before becoming the Building Trades instructor, building a new house each year with his students at the Oklahoma Northwest Area Vocational-Technical School in Alva, OK (1972-1990) where he retired in 1990 after 32 years of teaching. He is quoted as saying "I enjoyed every year of it." Many of his former students have remarked that they have used the skills acquired in his classes more than many other things in their education. On October 9, 1955, Landis was united in marriage to Betty Jean Wanger. To this marriage, three children were born: Rhonda Kay, Cynthia Ann, and Kirk Albert. His precious wife, Betty, passed away in 2007, after a six year battle with cancer. On August 30, 2008, he married Geneva Ann McCarter of New Boston, TX. With that marriage, he acquired more loving family.

Landis was an interesting man, with many talents and hobbies. He enjoyed woodworking, woodcarving, silver-smithing, rock hounding, hunting and collecting Indian artifacts, antique cars, writing poetry, (mostly about bible stories and characters), and collecting old tools. He had a huge collection of wise sayings, proverbs, quips, and stories. His father (William Albert Trekell) participated in the Cherokee Outlet land run of 1893, and Landis had a great interest in that.

He loved teaching his grandchildren about life and the Lord, and building things with them. He was a devoted Christian from the time of his baptism as a teenager, in Enid, OK. He taught many sermons with his life and from the pulpit. He was a member of the church of Christ.

Landis was preceded by his parents, his first wife, Betty, his brothers, William (Billy) Trekell, and Erlin Trekell. He is survived by his wife, Geneva, his brother, Larry Trekell (Johnnie), his sister, Marilyn Sexton (Paul), his children, Rhonda Fields (Kevin), Cynthia Nighswonger (Tom), and Kirk Trekell (Kim), his grandchildren, Grayson Fields (Cambra), Landon Fields (Emily), Clinton Nighswonger (Diana), Tyler Nighswonger (Lindsey), Brittany McGrew (Justin), Blake Trekell, Bradley Trekell (Jenni) and great grandchildren, Zoe and Flint Fields, Addison Fields, Callie Nighswonger, Audrey Nighswonger, Kaden,

Evan, and Lydia McGrew, Carlee, Sierra, and Bailey Trekell. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Landis is also survived by Geneva's family, Andy McCarter (Christy), Sheila McCarter (James) and 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Memorial Contributions in his memory may be made to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University foundation, the Alva Church of Christ c/o Wharton Funeral Chapel, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Freedom Cemetery

Freedom Cemetery, OK 73842

Tribute Wall



“ Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Landis Trekell



Wharton Funeral Chapel - December 04, 2020 at 05:34 PM

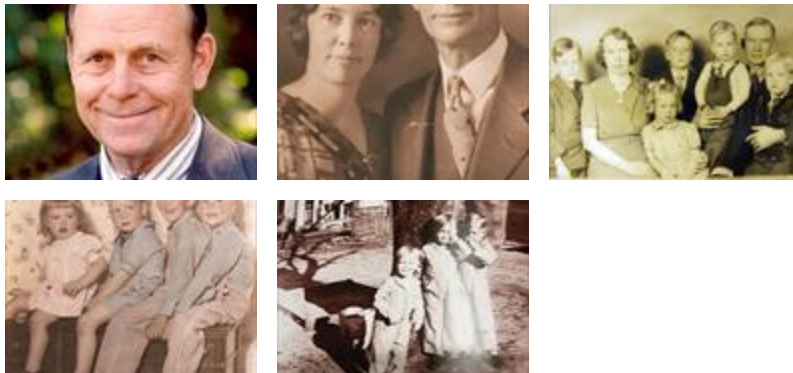
LD

“ My uncle Landis-- I always looked up to and admired A dedicated follower of Jesus Christ. Was blessed with an aptitude to accomplish many many things. He didn't waste his God given talents and accomplish many things HE DID! Truly a life well lived. He left this world a better place. His nephew Leroy Mc Donald

Leroy Mc Donald - January 04, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ 104 files added to the album Landis Album



Wharton Funeral Chapel - December 08, 2020 at 03:18 PM

CG

“ Rhonda, So sorry for the loss of your dad he was a great guy. My condolences and prayers for you and your family. Cherry (Shephard) Gatewood

Cherry Gatewood - December 07, 2020 at 11:24 PM

RF

Thank you Cherry.

Rhonda Fields - December 11, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ Rhonda, So very sorry to hear about your father. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!

Joy Modeland Minton - December 07, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Landis Trekell.



December 06, 2020 at 01:10 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Landis Trekell.



December 04, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Landis Trezell.*



December 04, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Uncle you will be missed by the many many people whose lives you've touched and been a part of. Your talents and gifts will live on in your children and grandchildren and be remembered by family and friends alike. - Andrea (Sexton) Martin and husband Brent*

Andrea (Sexton) Martin - December 04, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *We send love and special memories about this very talented man . You will be missed*

Dave and Susan Haaraugty - December 04, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *Landis was a high school classmate and a good friend. In later years we anticipated seeing and conversing with Landis at morning coffee when he stopped in Enid as he made the trips from Texas to Alva. A premier educator and just a really good all around man. He is missed.*

Rockne Hughes - December 04, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Landis Trekell.*



December 03, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *John and I are sending our condolences to the family. We want to let you know you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Sending our love.*
John and Brenda Gaddy

Brenda Gaddy - December 03, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ *My condolences to all of his family. He was a wonderful Christian man. A pleasure to be around, and a privilege to have known him. May God's blessings be with you all.*

Charles Baxter - December 03, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *Landis was such an interesting person to talk with! Many visits at church functions held some great stories. He will be missed so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Dwight & Camille Caughern - December 03, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JS

“ I am very sorry for your families' loss. He was one of the good guys all his life. May God be with each one of you in these sad times.



Jim Scribner - December 03, 2020 at 06:16 PM

BF

“ In earlier years, Max and I would drop by and visit Landis and Betty and play a game of Hearts. They were such gracious hosts and we so enjoyed our time spent with them. Max and Landis would dream up big money-making schemes but neither of them had the nerve to put them in practice, which was probably a wise move. Landis was a very talented and kind man who practiced what he preached and all who knew him were blessed and especially, his family. May God give all of you comfort.

Barbara Faulkner - December 03, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Landis Trekell.



December 03, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MW

“ *Marietta Washington lit a candle in memory of Landis Trekell*



Marietta Washington - December 03, 2020 at 10:13 AM

LL

“ *It was a pleasure to have him as a friend, teacher and was always proud to show up with a new tool he invented. You never knew what he had up his sleeve. I'm sure he'll have his tool box ready to fix a lopsided picture and pulling weeds in the flower. I will miss a very gspecial man, but I'll be in touch with him soon. Monte & Lisa Lopshire.*

Lisa and Monte Lopshire - December 03, 2020 at 07:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Landis Trekell.*



December 02, 2020 at 07:55 PM