



Lawrence Baldwin

November 9, 1939 - February 5, 2022

Lawrence James, was born on November 9th, 1939 in Arkansas City, Kansas to Everett and Lola Baldwin. Passed away on February 5th, 2022 at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 24 days.

He attended Arkansas City schools all the way through Jr. College. In 1959 he married Patricia Gale Belew of Burden, Kansas and relocated to Alva, Oklahoma. Lawrence had a 55 year career as an Alva businessman serving the community he loved.

In 1959 Lawrence opened Baldwin Oil Company, a full service gas station on Oklahoma Blvd., initially under the Vickers brand, but then switching to the Apco brand. His strong work ethic made him a successful business operator, working for 18 years, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, as well has 6 hours on Sunday. In 1977 he sold the station to begin a new career as a Commodities Broker. As the owner of Alva Futures commodity brokerage, he loved to talk commodities with his clients, offer advice on trading, and generally hold court with his friends who would gather at his office door. Lawrence also ran the Baldwin Oil Company wholesale fuel distribution business up until he was 80 years old.

Lawrence is survived by his Sister Everall Francisco (Newton, KS), Sons Michael (Wichita, KS), David (Plano, TX) and Robert (Mckinney, TX), and his 6 grand children Dustin Baldwin (Shawnee, KS), Kelsi Baldwin (Shawnee KS?), Shawn Baldwin (Denton, TX), Jesse Baldwin (Kansas City, KS), Jackson Baldwin (Plano, TX) and Chloe Baldwin (Phoenix, AZ), as well as

many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Lawrence loved Alva, and Alva loved him. He was devoted to his friends in the community, and was never happier than when he was helping someone with a chore, doing a stranger a favor, or just making the rounds through town in his pickup truck visiting with his people. Lawrence was also a contributor to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University general scholarship funds. He will be extremely missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his honor to NWOSU scholarship fund through Wharton funeral Chapel

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Graveside

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ I will miss so much about Lawrence. His humor, his intelligence, his words of wisdom, that helped get me through some tough times. Our Alva's Market chicken & noodles lunches were always full of laughs and a hug until next time. He is and will be missed. Prayers of comfort for his family.
Misty Adair

Misty Adair - February 22, 2022 at 06:59 AM

FR

“ I've known Lawrence since I worked at the Lotta Burger next to his station ! I got to know his employee Pinky Welch , which led to meeting LAWRENCE ! He was an amazing man with a great sense for business ! I will miss him and the way he always waved the peace sign to me ! His sense of humor and quick wit will be missed !

Fred Riggins - February 14, 2022 at 08:18 PM

DW

“ Dudley & Jeanne Winn lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Baldwin



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - February 11, 2022 at 03:32 PM

JN

“ *Such a sweet man. Will be missed.*



Jennifer Nixon - February 11, 2022 at 01:47 PM

RF

“ *I was blessed with meeting Lawrence 24 years ago as we both worked in the fuel industry and he was one of my customers. Lawrence was a man of integrity, honesty and a joy to work with and I considered myself very lucky to have met him and learned much from him.*

I loved talking with him about one of his favorite subjects, the Kansas Jayhawks, as we are both from the state of Kansas.

Lawrence will be missed and condolences to his family from Rob Frerking.

Rob Frerking - February 10, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lawrence Baldwin.*



February 10, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Baldwin.*



February 09, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *We will miss this man of many talents! I got to enjoy his quirky sense of humor down at Holder Drug when he held court with the cronies! He always gave his victory wave, engaging smile and laughter entertaining and sometimes educating those who were in attendance! What a guy! Condolences to his family from Peggy O'Neil*



Peggy O'Neil - February 09, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *To the Lawrence Baldwin family,*

We were so sorry to hear that Lawrence had passed away. He was a very special person and will be truly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Tom and Sherry Ramy



Sherry Ramy - February 09, 2022 at 02:31 AM

SR

“ *Mr. Baldwin was one of the nicest guys I've ever know. Always smiling and had a great story to tell. He will be missed by so many in our great community. He was a great asset to us all. Prayers to David and your brothers.*

Shelley Reed - February 08, 2022 at 09:09 PM

JC

“ *Rest in Peace*



John & Charlotte - February 08, 2022 at 08:57 PM

LS

“ *I worked at City Hall and he was one of my favorite customers. Always very pleasant and he NEVER wanted his receipt! (which I almost always tried to give him !) He will definitely be missed.*

Linda Schwerdtfeger - February 08, 2022 at 07:32 PM

NS

“ *We knew Mr. Baldwin for years. He never meant a stranger. Liked seeing him at Alva Market & visiting with him. I will miss him. Nel Curry Selfridge.*

Nel Selfridge(Curry) - February 08, 2022 at 07:10 PM

RB

“ So many Apco stories I could tell. Lawrence and all of the family were special to the Keele's as we ran the other Apco on 3rd Street. Much Love to all of you boys and your children

Robin (Keele) Bratton

Robin Bratton - February 08, 2022 at 11:20 AM

DS

“ On his way to Holders every afternoon, for coffee with the boys, Mr Baldwin popped into the county health department. He entertained us all with stories, jokes, serious conversations, political opinions and advice. We learned from Mr Baldwin and shared much laughter. He will missed. Mr Baldwin is an Alva community legend.

Darlene Sanderson - February 08, 2022 at 08:04 AM

GW

“ Every Sunday at the 818 with all the guys...I so enjoy waiting on all of them...Lawrence always made my Sundays special at work I will miss him and his smile and words of wisdom 🥹

Gwen - February 08, 2022 at 12:18 AM