



Leon W Howland

June 29, 1926 - June 11, 2016

Daddy was born on the farm south of Coldwater, Kansas on 06-29-26 to Martha Kindsvater and Harry Howland, Sr. He quit school when a junior to help on the farm. On 08-11-46, he married his sweetheart, Ida Berniece Sample. On 06-11-16, 18 days short of his 90th birthday, he joined her, his angel McKinzie, and his best friends, Alfred Beagley, Ray King, Lee Trammell, Gene Ferguson, Wayne Smith, Don Bishop, Gene Province, and Rex Bradt, to celebrate.

Daddy was preceded in death by his parents, Ida's parents, Leonard and Hazel Sample, his siblings, Harry, Jr. (Ella) Howland, Darlene (Francis) Jantz, and Betty (Walt) Miller; sister and brother-in law, LeOna (Loyd) Bradt; brother and sister-in-law, Larry (Mae) Sample; nephews Walter, Jr. and Harold Miller, Delaine Jantz, Eddy Howland; and his great-granddaughter, McKinzie Claussen.

In 1948, he went to work for Amon Vincent and Maynard Shelite in their auto repair business in Freedom. In 1951, he purchased the business. For the next 50+ years, he owned and operated the Freedom Motor Company. When he retired he moved his repair shop to his home.

Leon served as a volunteer fireman and chief for 20 years, and was a strong supporter of the football team. He and Ida also worked for years with the local food pantry, and volunteered at the Museum. One of the highlights of his life was being chosen as the Old Cowhand in 2010.

He is survived by his children, Gwen Winn (Gaylen) of Fairview, Rosalie Bliss

(Jerry Hale) of Woodward, and Brian Howland (Rhonda) of Freedom and their families. He is also survived by his grandchildren Heather (Richard) Coit and family of Custer City; Janelle (Joe) Collins and family of Fairview; Cody (Alicia) Wheeler and family of Fairview; Nadia Howland and family of Hardtner, KS; Nikki (Travis) Woodson and family of Orlando; Oren (Desiree) Howland, Sheena Howland, and Bradon Howland, and families of Kiowa; Rhonda (Tim) Brand and family of Perry; Jerri Lynn (Troy) James and family of Crescent; Christa (Matt) Haley and family of Guthrie; 30 great and great-great Grandchildren; one brother Dean (Sylvia) Howland and family of Orange Beach, AL; nephews LeRoy Bradt and family of Selman, OK; LesLee Bradt of Alva, OK; Alan Sample of Renton, WA; Kevin Jantz and wife of Dodge City, KS; nieces Linda Miller and family of Hutchinson, KS; Donna Howland of TX; Larry Howland of TX; and numerous grand and great-grandchildren; other relatives, and many friends

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wharton Funeral Chapel to be divided equally between the Freedom Museum, Freedom Fire Dept., and Freedom Ambulance

Cemetery Details

Freedom Cemetery

Freedom Cemetery, OK 73842

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Freedom High School Auditorium
Main Street
Freedom, Ok

Tribute Wall



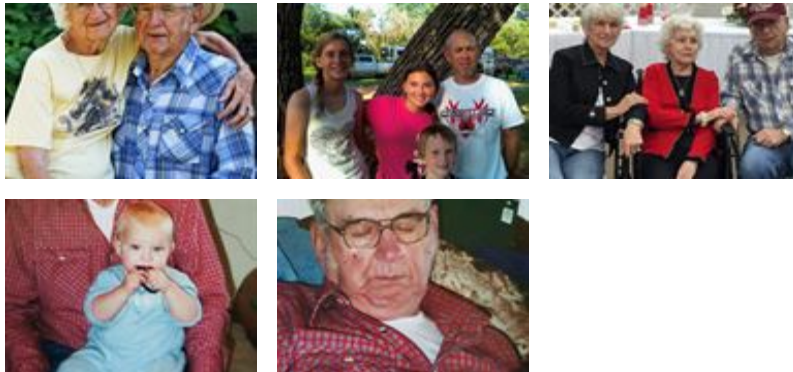
“ Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Leon W Howland



Wharton Funeral Chapel - June 15, 2016 at 09:15 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wharton Funeral Chapel - June 15, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ Leon and Ida were such great people!!! My thoughts and prayers for all the family. They are together in Heaven.....



Betty Hagen - June 15, 2016 at 02:43 PM

SO

“ I sure loved Ida and Leon. He was a distant cousin of my mothers but we always felt like they more much closer. Now you can enjoy each other again in heaven. See you some day.



Starla Hodgson Oldham - June 15, 2016 at 10:49 AM

CB

“ Loved Leon and Ida so much!! Another wonderful man and couple that will be missed by many. So many great memories of Leon and his old shop.



Carol Bowers - June 15, 2016 at 06:56 AM

KM

“ Kim Milliron lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Kim Milliron - June 14, 2016 at 09:18 PM

KM

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Kim Milliron - June 14, 2016 at 09:16 PM

RL

“ Randy & Jeanie Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Randy & Jeanie Lancaster - June 14, 2016 at 04:22 PM

KD

“ Kenny, Mardeana, and Lee Davis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leon W Howland.



Kenny, Mardeana, and Lee Davis - June 14, 2016 at 03:34 PM

CF

“ Cam Fife lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Cam Fife - June 14, 2016 at 01:47 PM

SW

“ Sandy Wimmer lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Sandy Wimmer - June 14, 2016 at 10:15 AM

DV

“ I am sending our sympathy and love to your family and friends. Leon was so very special to us, and we will always cherish his friendship. He will be greatly missed by all. We are so sorry that you have lost the head of your family. My God bless and comfort all of you in your sorrow.

Mansour & Denise Valli & family

Denise Valli - June 14, 2016 at 09:32 AM

LL

“ Thinking of you and family at the loss of a wonderful dad, granddad, was well as great granddad. Lisa Evans Lopshire



Lisa Lopshire - June 14, 2016 at 12:30 AM

DW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Leon's passing. He was quite a man & had a mischievous twinkle in his eyes. He would help anyone he knew. Our prayers of comfort, love & sympathy sent to his family & friends.



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - June 14, 2016 at 12:17 AM

VS

“ Vernon Sanders lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Vernon Sanders - June 13, 2016 at 09:57 PM

VS

“ We are so very sorry to read of Leon's passing. It is a wonderful memory to have seen him Memorial Day and you Gwen & Rosalee. All of you looked really great and who would have thought Leon would be gone so soon. Our thoughts & prayers are with all your family and be strong, God is with all of you. Leon was a wonderful & thoughtful man and one who really cared for his family. Love in Christ, Twylah Jo & Vernon Sanders

Vernon Sanders - June 13, 2016 at 09:55 PM

PM

“ Pam Music lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Pam Music - June 13, 2016 at 08:49 PM

DR

“ Donald And Janell Reutlinger lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Donald and Janell Reutlinger - June 13, 2016 at 07:11 PM

BH

“ Becky Hill lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland



Becky Hill - June 13, 2016 at 05:01 PM

BH

“ *Becky Hill lit a candle in memory of Leon W Howland*



Becky Hill - June 13, 2016 at 04:59 PM

PT

“ *Sorry, to hear of Leons' passing. I had heard of many stories, my husband, Jim and his brother Jake, shared with me, of the times he taught both of them many mechanical tricks, on repairing their own vehicles. I know, they both admired him so much! My love to the family ! Patricia (Pat) Terrill*

Patricia (Pat) Terrill - June 13, 2016 at 07:34 AM

JS

“ *We are very sorry to read of Leon's passing. He was a friend for many years. Prayers for your family in these sad times. Jim and Cleo Scribner.*

Jim Scribner - June 12, 2016 at 10:22 PM