



## Lowell Melkus

December 5, 1939 - October 13, 2007

Lowell Linn, son of Laura May (Reed) and A.C. Melkus was born on the family farm on December 5, 1939. He passed away at his home near Freedom, on 13th of October at the age of 67 years, 10 months and 8 days.

Lowell attended the Farry School System for all but his senior year. He graduated from Freedom High School with the class of 1958, where he played football and basketball. Then serving in the Alva Unit of the 45th from 1962 to 1968.

On August 28, 1964 he was married to Rita C. (Katy) Eshleman at the First Christian Church in Alva.

Following their marriage they lived in the Freedom area, where he farmed and Katy taught school. Lowell loved going on short trips with his wife, to Teachers meetings, State Fairs and Conservation Trips, being with his son and his family and playing pool with his buddies.

He was a member of the Board of Directors for both the Woods County Conservation District and Oklahoma Economics Development Authority and a member of the Alva Moose Lodge.

Lowell is survived by his wife, Katy of the home; one son, Linn and his wife Missy; and two grandsons, Brandon and Christopher all of Freedom. Two brothers, Keith and his wife Glenna of Larned, Kansas; Francis and his wife Mary of Amarillo, Texas; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Bobby and Karen Eshleman of Enid and Tommy and Cathy Eshleman of Kearney, Nebraska; and a sister-in-law Debbie Eshleman and Steve of Independence, Missouri

many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and treasured friends in the Alva, Cherokee and Freedom area.

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# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Katy, Lynn and family, just want you all to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. What fun times we have all had together. Lowell was such a fun guy to be around. He will be greatly missed. Love to you all

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**dean wilson family** - October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ We always felt blessed to have known the Melkus's. They have always treated us like family. We will miss Lowell. Sincerely,

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie Davison Helm** - October 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ lowell was a very near and dear friend he would help a friend no matter what he had to give up to get it done

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**larry murrow** - October 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Mrs. Melkus, Linn & family:  
I was so saddened to hear of Lowell's passing. I hope you can take comfort in the fact that so many people thought so much of him. What a fun-loving spirit he had in him! Hang in there and please know my sisters and I are sending prayers your way.

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**Kim King Milliron** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ We love you all and will miss Uncle Lowell. I have great memories as a kid visiting the farm. See you all Friday

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**Brian Eshleman** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WR

*“ KATY, WE WERE ALL SO SHOCKED TO HEAR ABOUT LOWELL. WE LOVE YOU ALL, HE WILL BE GREATLY MISS BY ALL OF US. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. WANDA REED AND FAMILIES.*

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**WANDA REED** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KG

*“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear of Lowell's passing. It's hard to believe we'll never get to see his smiling face again. It won't be the same without him around. He will be missed!*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you Katy. God bless.*

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**Kara Gleyre** - October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

*“ Katy & family, we are saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Lowell. God be with you all in this time of grief.*

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**Jeanne & Dudley Winn** - October 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

*“ Dear Katy and Family, This is such a hard thing to even imagine- that Lowell is gone. What a friendly and fun loving person he was! He will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming days. We all share in your loss.*

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**Jim & Sherry Beagley & family** - October 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *katy,  
i am so shocked and deeply saddened by lowell's untimely  
passing.there was never a dull moment when lowell was "in the  
house".he was a great person and was so fun to be around.i will  
miss him dearly.  
i pray for for you and linn.  
may god bless you both.*

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**raymond** - October 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Mrs. Melkus & Linn, I was very shocked and sad to hear of the  
passing of Lowell. He was such a fun guy! I know he will be greatly  
missed by everyone. Our prayers are with you. Love, Cari Farrow*

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**Cari Beagley Farrow** - October 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM