



## Bill McMurphy

June 19, 1936 - January 14, 2024

Funeral services for Bill McMurphy will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Drew Kirtley officiating. Interment will follow in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home. There will be a visitation with family present from 4-6 p.m. Friday at Marshall Funeral Home.

Billie Eldon McMurphy, son of the late Denver Harmon and Mary Louise (Shreeve) McMurphy, was born June 19, 1936 at Farry, Oklahoma, and passed away January 14, 2024, at the age of 87 years, 6 months, and 25 days surrounded by family.

Bill was raised in the small farming community of Farry where he attended Farry School and graduated with the Bulldog Class of 1954. He grew up playing multiple sports and excelled at baseball. He then attended Northwestern Oklahoma State College. In 1955, he met the love of his life, Elma Ruth Rose while working as a cement mixer for Elma's father's company, Rose Brothers Construction. Bill and Elma were united in marriage in 1957 at the First Christian Church in Alva. To this union two sons were born: Craig and Curt.

Bill and Elma built a wonderful life together, spending their early years never missing their boys' sporting events. Bill was an attentive and patient father

who instilled his strong work ethic into his boys.

Bill had a passion for cars and worked as a Parts Manager and General Manager for multiple car dealerships in and around Alva. From this career, many friendships were formed. Bill never met a stranger and made everyone that he met feel like they were his best friend. He was always available to open the parts department after hours if he could help someone out. Many have attributed his professional success to his honesty and integrity. After retiring, he enjoyed his upholstery business and having coffee with the guys. Bill enjoyed motorcycle trips with the gang (sometimes taking Elma along), going to concerts, attending Ranger sports, rodeos and country western dancing. He was the greatest supporter of his family, rarely missing an opportunity to watch his grandchildren perform or compete. He was a past member of the Elks and the Moose Lodge.

In addition to his parents, Denver and Mary, Bill was preceded in death by four sisters-in-law, Rita McMurphy, Devona McMurphy, Marna Finney, and Afton Nichols; and a nephew, Allen McMurphy.

Bill is survived by his wife of 67 years, Elma McMurphy of Alva; two sons, Craig McMurphy of Tulsa and Curt McMurphy and wife, Megan, of Edmond; four grandchildren, Kacie Urbeck and husband, Kevin, of Winfield, Missouri, Ryan McMurphy and wife, Nora, of Boston, Massachusetts, Cole McMurphy and Will McMurphy of Edmond; a brother, Robert McMurphy of Alva; and a sister, Thelma Crouch and her husband, Allen J, of Alva; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the J.R. Holder Wellness Center at Northwestern or the Preston Hill Cemetery(in the Farry community).



# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 17. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

## Viewing

JAN 18. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation with Family

JAN 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Alva, OK 73717

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Elma, the boys and the rest of the family. He was truly a special man.*

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**Gary and the rest of the Oakes family** - January 25, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Video*



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - January 25, 2024 at 01:47 PM

JD

“ *Elma, & family I know it hurts but I pray that GOD will comfort you all at this time of sorrow. I am at a loss for words ( Marilyn says that is the first time) and will say I'm proud to have grown up knowing Bill all my life and able to call him friend. I will miss him. Sorry four loss and heaven's gain.*

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**Jim & Marilyn Davison** - January 21, 2024 at 08:23 AM

LM

“ *Linda McMurphy lit a candle in memory of Bill McMurphy*



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**Linda McMurphy** - January 20, 2024 at 05:04 PM

GM

“ Dear Elma, Craig, Curt and family,

*We wanted to tell you how sorry we are to hear about Bill's passing, We have so many great memories with all of you. We will never forget how supportive you two were when our Kim was born.*

*We loved watching the video seeing all of the families special times through the years. We never knew that you two rode motorcycles! Craig and Curt all grown up, hard to believe they have children of their own.*

*We will be thinking of you in the days ahead of the loss of such a wonderful guy who we also loved and respected.*

*Glenna and Howard*

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**Glenna Morrow** - January 20, 2024 at 10:41 AM

GG

“ Gregg/Donnell Glass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill McMurphy.

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**Gregg/Donnell Glass** - January 19, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Bill McMurphy.



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January 19, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bill  
McMurphy.*



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January 18, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - January 18, 2024 at 03:54 PM

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*Thank you for sharing such wonderful memories*

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**Gary Oakes** - January 25, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Bill McMurphy.*



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January 18, 2024 at 01:06 PM

LE

“ Love, Brad, Candace, Cole, Cade, & Emma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Murphy.

Love, Brad, Candace, Cole, Cade, & Emma - January 18, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill Murphy.



January 18, 2024 at 10:28 AM

TW

“ Todd White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Murphy.

Todd White - January 17, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bill Murphy.



January 17, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Murphy.*



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January 17, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *Loren Brown & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Murphy.*

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**Loren Brown & Family** - January 17, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *Your MPI Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Murphy.*

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**Your MPI Family** - January 17, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Murphy.*



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January 17, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ *Mark & Terri VanLandingham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Murphy.*

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**Mark & Terri VanLandingham** - January 16, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill McMurphy.*



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January 16, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ *Elma & family, so sorry for your loss! Bill was one of the nicest men a person could ever meet! Heaven has gained a true gentleman! May your hearts be warmed with special memories of one so dear to you!*

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**Dale Vaughna Schmidt** - January 16, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill McMurphy.*



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January 16, 2024 at 01:34 PM