



Chester Arthur "Chet" Goodrich

January 30, 1942 - December 2, 2024

Funeral services for Chet Goodrich will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home. There will be a visitation with family present Friday 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Chester Arthur "Chet" Goodrich of Alva, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2024, at the age of 82, surrounded by love and his favorite music. He was born on January 30, 1942, to Hollis and Callie Elizabeth "Betty" Goodrich. He found his greatest purpose in serving the people of Alva, his greatest passion in fishing, and his greatest joy in his family and friends.

At the age of 13, Chet went to work for the family business and spent his life so proud of the legacy that was Goodrich Heating, Plumbing, and Air Conditioning. The most dedicated and hardworking man, there was not one thing that he could not fix and for over 70 years, he helped to build and strengthen the foundation of the city of Alva. At the end of a long day, he loved a can of Busch with V8 juice and a John Wayne western on the tv, and every morning he made sure to throw the trash bags in the back of his pickup so his beloved wife, Yvette, wouldn't have to carry them up the stairs.

He loved taking his kids and grandkids out to the farm to fish and always had life advice to share when needed. He was the most amazing husband, father,

grandfather, and friend and will be so incredibly missed by everyone that was lucky enough to know him.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents, Hollis and Betty Goodrich; his beloved son, Dustin Goodrich; his brother, Ron Goodrich; and his sister, Barbara Lamkin and her husband, Bill.

Chet is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Yvette Goodrich of Alva; daughters, Gaynell Goodrich of Wichita, Kansas, and Kimberly Williamson and husband, David, of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Travis Courtright and his wife, Christina, of Berryville, Arkansas, Derek Courtright and his wife, Kylee, of Wichita, Kansas, Tim Williamson, Callie Burleson and her husband, Carter, Kelsi Williamson and her fiancé Tyler Boss, Devin Goodrich and her partner Jessica, and Drake Goodrich, all of Oklahoma City; seven great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation with Family

DEC 6. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
628 Church St
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



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Marshall Funeral Homes - December 10, 2024 at 01:19 PM

CW

“ Yvette, my best friend and loving cousin. So sorry for the loss of Chet. He was a great friend to all of us, you both were always there to help and do for others. Some day we will see him again. I love you. Kim the whole family is in my thoughts and Prayers. Peace be with you.

Cheryl Waldroupe - December 07, 2024 at 12:06 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Chet. Chet was one of my best friends in grade school. I would often go to his house after school, and we would go play in the canyons.

We also played in his dad's old shop, which was on College just north of the square. Once he and Ronnie and I were exploring the attic. Ronnie tried to stand on a ceiling tile and fell through the ceiling onto the showroom floor. Fortunately he wasn't hurt, but there were severe repercussions at home for both Ronnie and Chet.

Although I moved away from Alva 60 years ago, I come back every 5 years or so for a class reunion, and I always tried to see Chet when I was in town.

Chet said that Alva was the country's best kept secret. He said that he stopped going into Oklahoma City, because there was nothing there that he wanted.

One of the commenters on the Marshall Web site said that Chet was so intelligent and knowledgeable about almost anything. I certainly agree with that. I learned a lot from him. I remember once in the early 1950s he explained to me the difference between a calculator and a computer. At that time there were only about 3 computers in the world, and I had never heard of either calculators or computers.

He had no interest in showing off his knowledge in school, but I was always impressed by how much he really knew.

Bob Williams - December 06, 2024 at 02:45 PM

MR

I am sad that Chet never came to any of the AHS Class of '60 Reunions. I would have liked to see hi and and out what he remembered from the 60s. I understand that he had promised Bob Williams (City Bob) that he would come to our 50th reunion, but, alas, he didn't. He was missed at those gatherings -- he would have made great additions to our class members -- Mark Ritchey, AHS '60.

Mark Ritchey - December 09, 2024 at 01:11 PM



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Marshall Funeral Homes - December 06, 2024 at 02:27 PM

JN

“ *A simple phone call and he was the #1 town plumber. Prayers for the family, he would always ask @ fishing as he would fix every water problem in the house and he knew every house. Such a Legend in this Awesome town he was really a happy man that loved Life and his Wife. To call the office we would joke we we're scared to call to make an appointment but here came chet simple and kind God needed a Plumber. RIP Chet.*



Jennifer Nixon - December 06, 2024 at 10:24 AM

VS

“ *Family of Chet,
You asked for a better person When you needed him, he was right there. He could take something and put it right back together and make it work. He was a very kind man. I will truly miss him.*
Peewee Smith

Violet smith - December 05, 2024 at 09:18 PM

JR

“ *Kim, Yvette and Family I hated to hear the news of the loss of Chet. He was so funny when I saw him last month and always would speak his mind. I loved that about him. He did say you and Kim about drove your mothers crazy but they drove Dick and myself crazy too so it was a wash. I loved that I got that last laugh with him.. Stay strong and know we are all so very sorry. Love always,*
Julia

Julia Ryerson - December 05, 2024 at 08:39 PM

ML

“ *Another heart break. I am so sorry for your loss, our loss as a community . He was a good man, good character, good reputation and will be so missed in this community. I am here if you need a friend.. I know the grief and am so sorry.*

marietta Lynch - December 05, 2024 at 06:50 PM

BE

“ *Yvette, and family, we are so incredibly sorry to hear this! You and Chet have been our friends for over 60 years and as Boug said, he has lost an irreplaceable friend! Our prayers continue for you, Yvette and the family, we are here for you! Much love & prayers,*
Boug & Vickie

Boug & Vickie Eshleman - December 05, 2024 at 06:08 PM



What a guy! He was so very talented in his work and he could have been a comedian for sure. He always fixed us right up with repairs and always left me with a huge smile on my face..In his visits I must say I became more educated in things after he left. He's going to be missed by many. Prayers Yvette and family! Amy and Kenny Mayes.

Amy Meier Mayes - December 05, 2024 at 08:58 PM

PW

“ Yvette and family members...please accept my sincere condolences for your loss of Chet. A pleasant man with whom I never had a cross word nor did I receive one...always a smile, a willingness to help, an easy friend to have and kind to my parents when they were living when they would need his help. The Goodrich family was truly a part of Alva for so many years. The memories of that family were seen with Chet's actions and demeanor. I will miss my friend but will remember him with that unique smile and those easy conversations we would have. Paul Woodson OKC

Paul D Woodson - December 05, 2024 at 03:16 PM

TH

“ I liked this man so much. It was always a real treat to talk to Chet because he was so intelligent and knowledgeable about almost anything... not to mention he was a master at his trade. I will miss him.

Terry Hada - December 05, 2024 at 03:05 PM

GS

“ Chet always came to help with plumbing when it was urgent, even on Thanksgiving Day one time. He was our man from when we built our home.

Gene & Virginia Stands - December 05, 2024 at 02:18 PM