



## Donnie David Gooch

February 9, 1934 - January 16, 2010

Funeral services for Donnie Gooch will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at the Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Bersche officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Donnie David Gooch was born on February 9, 1934, to David Francis Gooch and Edith Ellen (Gottsche) Gooch on his grandfathers farm north of Waynoka and passed away January 16, 2010, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 75 years, 11 months, and 7 days.

Donnie attended the Rose Valley and Avard Public Schools for two years before graduating from Waynoka High School in 1952.

He went to work for the Santa Fe railroad and later moved to Medicine Lodge, Kansas, where he worked for National Gypsum. He was united in marriage to Helen Elaine Goucher in 1955 at the Avard Christian Church. To their marriage was born a daughter, Debra Michelle. Donnie was drafted into the United States Army in 1956 and served two years active duty and two years in the Oklahoma National Guard.

Donnie attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Education in 1967. He went on to earn his Master's Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1975. His professional career was spent teaching elementary school in Centerview, Freedom, Sharon, and Chisholm Public School where he retired in 1992 with a total of 28 years teaching.

He was also actively involved in farming in the Avard community and continued to farm until the end of his life.

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife, Helen, in 1999.

He is survived by his daughter, Debra Sample, and husband, Jerry, of Morrison, Oklahoma; one brother, Gary Gooch, of Midwest City, Oklahoma; seven grandsons, Zachary, Christopher, Matthew, Benjamin, Timothy, Joseph, and Gabriel Sample all of Morrison; a special friend, Shirley Miller of Hardtner, Kansas; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for diabetes research.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donnie David Gooch*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Donnie was a very kind man. He always had a smile on his face when he and Shirley came to church and enjoyed visiting with others. He will be missed. May warm memories of Donnie bring comfort and peace to you.*

**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Shirley & Family, We deeply regret your loss.*

**Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donnie will certainly be missed by Bill and Linda Beeler. We always enjoyed he and Shirley so very much. I know Debra this has to be a time in your life that you will reflect on the memories. May you be blessed at this time. Shirley you were there and cared for Donnie so graciously.. He always looked forward to when you would come and cook, clean, go to the doctor, and take him wherever he needed to go. I know you have many good memories with Donnie and he cared about you very much. May God be with all of you during this time of loss.*

**Bill and Linda Beeler** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ It has been a blessing to have known Donnie and his family. He was a kind and gentle man. He worked for Irvan while attending NWOSU (as I remember). He helped build our home. He will be greatly missed.

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**Grace Lansdown** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I taught many years ago at Lahoma and knew Helen and David there. I wanted to let the family know I am thinking of them at this time of loss. I liked them both so much at the time I was there even though I only taught there one year. They were dedicated and so nice to be around.

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**Martha Draper** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was my fourth grade teacher and I loved him dearly. When I recall memories of my school years, he has always been the teacher that i think of. He was a great teacher and a very sweet man! I just wanted you to know that you and your family are in my prayers.

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**Brigette Ratzlaff** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Debbie & Family, I was so sorry to hear of your father&s passing. I have fond memories of him (and of you) from my childhood. Thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort for you during this difficult time.

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**Cheryl Barton Listen** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Beautiful write-up on your dad. Such history in his life. We are praying for you, May God give you strength. God bless, Love, the Teeman Family...Richard, Amber, Liz, Megan & Sarah

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**Amber Teeman** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Donnie will be missed so much by us. We both loved him very much. He was a real sweetheart. Our prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Mark & Shelley

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**Mark & Shelley Reed** - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM