



James Thomas Erikson

August 21, 1971 - August 27, 2016

Funeral services for James Thomas Erikson will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 3, 2016, at the Cedar Grove Wesleyan Church with Rev. Harold Henson officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

James Thomas “Tom” Erikson, son of Russell H. and Linda D. (Choplin) Erikson, was born August 21, 1971, at Alva, and passed away at his home on August 27, 2016, at the age of 45 years and 6 days.

Tom was raised in Alva and graduated from Alva High School with the class of 1989. He was active in the Alva FFA showing hogs and cattle and won the State FFA Award. In 1989, he joined the Oklahoma High School Rodeo Association riding bareback broncs and placed in the top 15 in the state that year. After that, he started riding bulls, riding in numerous rodeos and jackpot bull riding. He placed in a number of rodeos and won several buckles.

He attended Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma, for 1½ years, majoring in equine. Tom worked with Jerry Nine at Woodward Livestock Company for several years, returning to Alva to work on the farm with his

father. He attended the Cedar Grove Wesleyan Church. Tom loved his horses and taking care of his cattle.

Besides both sets of grandparents, Howard and Doris Erikson and Doyel and June Choplin, he was preceded in death by two uncles, Lloyd Erikson and Stanley Erikson; and one aunt Shirley (Erikson) Bull.

Tom is survived by his parents, Russell and Linda Erikson of Alva; one brother, Howard Clint Erikson and his wife, Amy, of Capron; one sister, Mandy Clepper and her husband, Jay, of Alva; two nephews, Ruston Erikson and Trenton Clepper; two nieces, Tanith Erikson and Bailey Clepper; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva FFA or the Cedar Grove Wesleyan Church.

DIRECTIONS TO CEDAR GROVE WESLEYAN CHURCH:

From Alva, go west 7 miles to the CR 370 (Avard turnoff), go north 10 miles to the correction line (Major Road), then go west 2 miles. Google maps does not locate the church by the address, but it will using the name of the church.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Service

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Grove Wesleyan Church
35021 Major Road
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *James Thomas Erikson*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May the peace of God shower over you and bring you comfort.*

Wayne and Donna Hofer

Wayne and Donna Hofer - September 03, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Thomas Erikson.*



September 03, 2016 at 12:21 AM



“ *Linda, Russell, Clint and Mandy,
You are all in our prayers. Thank you for blessing us with such a wonderful, good, fun-loving, and ornery guy of which it is an honor to call a friend. Our family enjoyed the time we spent with Tommy when he was helping my Dad at the barn. And, although I can prove it, I'm quite certain Tommy and my Mom conspired to make sure I went to my prom, something my Mom said I would regret if I didn't go. He made such a fun and handsome escort. Such wonderful memories. May God comfort you during this time and always!*
Sonja Frascht Williams

Sonja Williams - September 02, 2016 at 11:29 AM

KP

“ Linda, Russell, Clint and Mandy----my heart goes out to you. Tom was such a good guy with a heart of gold and a quirky little grin. From the pig shows and FFA functions to High School Rodeos I have so many wonderful memories. Memories I will never forget of a guy that was an amazing friend. I apologize for not being able to attend his service but please know how special he was to me. Prayers for peace and understanding for all of you and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing this wonderful man. RIP my friend...until we meet again...
Kerry Pfleider Poer

Kerry Pfleider Poer - September 02, 2016 at 09:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - September 01, 2016 at 05:31 PM

VW

“ Our sympathy, love and prayers to Russell, Linda, Clint, Mandy and all their families. May God bless all of you with loving memories, peace and comfort. Virgil and Lavon Wiersig



Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - September 01, 2016 at 04:10 PM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Russell, Linda, Clint and Mandy, their families and all of the extended Erikson family as well as all of the Cedar Grove community.

Clint and Dawn Shafer - September 01, 2016 at 11:42 AM

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“ Linda, Russell, Mandy, Clint and all of Tom's extended family. I grew up with Tom all the way from grade school through high school. He always loved seeing his friends laugh and smile. He was kind hearted, hard working, and would help anyone out in an instant if we let him know we needed him. I will always remember his heart of gold, and his genuine smile. Sending you thoughts of comfort and strength.Love, Pinky

Tricia Michaelis-Durfey (Pinky) - August 31, 2016 at 03:10 PM

SA

“ Sharie Ainsworth purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of James Thomas Erikson.



Sharie Ainsworth - August 31, 2016 at 02:15 PM

SA

“ JT, you were a great friend. Angels by your side for peace and happiness. You will be missed by all. We had some fun laughs about old times in Alva with friends.
Sharie Ainsworth and Tammy Schmidt

Sharie Ainsworth - August 31, 2016 at 01:26 PM