



## Jerry Francis Kohlrus

August 5, 1960 - May 11, 2025

Celebration of life service for Jerry Kohlrus will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Marshall Funeral Chapel with Pastor Cody Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be a visitation with family present on Tuesday from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jerry Francis Kohlrus, son of the late Jacob Frank and Doris Marie (Lang) Kohlrus, was born August 5, 1960, at Scott City, Kansas, and passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family May 11, 2025, at the age of 64 years, 9 months, and 6 days.

Jerry was raised and attended high school in Liberal, Kansas. On October 21, 1978, he was united in marriage to Aleta Owen of Liberal and to this union they had two children: Kristina (Kohlrus) Miller and David Kohlrus.

Jerry was a member of Faith Center Fellowship in Meno, Oklahoma, for over 20 years. He passionately served his community and country. In 1978 he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant where he was honorably discharged in 1983. He was a city councilman for Ward #1 seat 2, and was a member of Rotary Club, Moose Lodge, Alva Jaycees, and a licensed Pyro tech for the annual Alva Fireworks Show. Jerry started his law enforcement career as a jailer for the Woods

County Sheriff's office and then later served as a reserve deputy for many years and was known to his close friends in the department as "Chirpy". In the late 1980's, he began with the Alva Ambulance service and then later promoted to Director of the Alva EMS. He taught EMS classes at the Northwest Tech Center. In 1997, Jerry and Aleta opened United Country Kohlrus Real Estate where he became a Broker Associate in Oklahoma and Kansas until present day.

Jerry enjoyed all things outdoors. He looked forward to his yearly Wilson Lake Family reunion trip, the next "Great Adventure" with his "buddies", go-cart racing with his grandkids, gardening, and woodworking. Spending time with his family was his love language.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife Aleta; daughter Kristi Miller and husband Randon of Enid; son David Kohlrus of Alva; seven grandchildren, Taylor, Hunter, Xander, Averie, Nick, Emma Kate, and Ashton; one great grandson, Gideon; his beloved grand dog, Boss Oralius; mother-in-law, Marva Owen of Alva; sister Linda Kohlrus of Alva, brother Jeff Kohlrus of South Dakota, sister-in-law, Arla Fowler and husband, Tim, of Wichita, Kansas; Arlan Owen and wife, Tammy, of Alva; many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, many close friends and "good buddies".

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to The Provision Outreach at Faith Fellowship Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 13.** 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

*Visitation with family present from 5-7p.m.*

## Visitation with Family

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## Viewing

MAY 14. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life

MAY 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home Chapel  
230 Flynn  
Alva, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Service Video



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - May 16, 2025 at 10:42 AM

PS

“ *Jerry and Aleta helped me purchase my first house and took care of me when I injured my back right before moving day! Jerry was a first-class gentleman! Prayers to his family at this difficult time. May the memories sustain you.*

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**Pat Steed** - May 15, 2025 at 11:46 AM

DS

“ *First time I heard Gary refer to Jerry as Chirpy I asked why he gave him that name. He said because he's so happy and cheerful all the time. It's true. He always greeted with a big smile. They had some great adventures with the buddies. And in later years, with nagging from Gary, came over in the morning for coffee and the two of them had nice long visits. Now they are having forever visits in Heaven. We loved Chirpy very much.*

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**Darlene Sanderson** - May 14, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - May 14, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SB

“ Prayers what a blessing to know he will be there waiting for you all!

Shelley Burney - May 14, 2025 at 12:22 PM

AW

“ Amanda Harmon and Rebecca Warfield purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Francis Kohlrus.



Amanda Harmon and Rebecca Warfield - May 14, 2025 at 09:45 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts are with you. Jerry was a very good person. May the spirit of comfort be with all of you



Bill/Linda Beeler - May 13, 2025 at 09:05 PM

DW

“ *Dudley And Jeanne Winn lit a candle in  
memory of Jerry Francis Kohlrus*



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**Dudley and Jeanne Winn** - May 13, 2025 at 05:04 PM