



Jimmy Ray Allen

March 21, 1942 - January 9, 2026

Funeral services for Jim Allen will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 16, 2026, at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Pastor Drew Kirtley officiating. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery near Rosston, Oklahoma, under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Jimmy Ray, son of Lloyd and Violet (Hunter) Allen, was born March 21, 1942, at Liberal, Kansas, and passed into the arms of the Lord on January 9, 2026, following a short stay at the hospital in Alva, at the age of 83 years, 9 months, and 19 days.

He grew up on the family farm alongside his sister, Estella, where he learned early the value of hard work, humility, and the quiet joys of rural life. He attended Forgan Schools and proudly graduated with the Forgan High School Class of 1960.

Jim married Vicki Fry, and together they welcomed three children: Jimmy, Tim, and Jackie, who remained the pride of his life. He spent many years employed with Colorado Interstate Gas Company, where he was known for his dedication and strong work ethic.

In 1975, Jim married Connie McGill, embracing her two children as his own. Soon after, Jim and Connie moved to Alva, where they built a life rooted in

farming and ranching. Ranching wasn't just an occupation for Jim— it was his calling. He poured his heart into caring for his cattle, working the land, and spending long days on horseback. He had a natural gift with horses and could do just about anything with one. He enjoyed chasing coyotes across the countryside with his greyhounds and always had some good dogs. He also enjoyed bowling and playing dominoes.

Jim's greatest joy came from his family. He adored his grandchildren and cherished every moment spent with them. Known for his kind heart, gentle spirit, and unwavering work ethic, Jim touched countless lives and leaves behind a legacy of love, grit, and generosity.

Besides his parents, Lloyd and Violet, he was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Allen.

Jim is survived by his sister, Estella Hodges of Forgan; his children, Jimmy Allen and wife, Kandice, of Alva, Tim Allen and wife, Kyndra, of Laverne, and Jackie Simon and husband, Steve, of Enid; stepdaughter, Rene Verhaert of Texas; stepson, Greg Northern and wife, Dede, of Waynoka. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many dear friends who will miss him dearly.

Jim Allen lived a life defined by commitment, family, and the land he loved. His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Memorial contribution may be made through the funeral home to Share Medical Center.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

Rosston, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - January 17 at 12:14 PM



What a beautiful service for a great man and friend. Always enjoyed having Jim when he came to all Hensley gatherings. We will miss him dearly. Hugs, Love and Prayers to his wonderful family 💙💙 May he Rest In Peace ☐ Trey your beautiful tribute to your Grandpa was so heart touching and your Grandpa would have been so proud ❤️❤️

Joleen Hensley - January 20 at 06:07 PM

JF

“ *Jeremy and Kori Allison and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.*



Jeremy and Kori Allison and Family - January 15 at 05:01 PM

TF

“ *The Colon Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Ray Allen.*

The Colon Family. - January 15 at 04:26 PM

TF

“ *The Colon Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.*



The Colon Family. - January 15 at 04:26 PM

CF

“ *Chapman and Flynt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Ray Allen.*

Chapman and Flynt Family - January 15 at 02:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.*



January 15 at 02:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.*



January 15 at 02:12 PM

SR

“ *To Jim Allen's family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.
Jim will be missed by all who knew him.*

Tom and Sherry Ramy



Sherry Ramy - January 14 at 04:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.*



January 13 at 05:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Jimmy Ray Allen.*



January 13 at 03:36 PM



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Jimmy Ray Allen.*



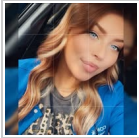
January 13 at 02:07 PM

GD

“ Gregg, Donnell, Lindsey, Tatum, & Drew purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.



Gregg, Donnell, Lindsey, Tatum, & Drew - January 13 at 01:13 PM



“ Deanna Smith lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Ray Allen



Deanna Smith - January 12 at 09:30 PM

KJ

“ Jimmy was always the fun Dad during our lake trips. I will never forget his special kookaid drinks.
So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kayla Jackson - January 12 at 04:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.



January 12 at 01:48 PM

MN

“ Monica McClung & Bronx and Brayden Nixon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Ray Allen.

Monica McClung & Bronx and Brayden Nixon - January 12 at 09:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Allen.



January 12 at 09:31 AM

SV

“ I married into the family a little over 10 years ago. When we moved up to Waynoka, it was temporary. We were upgrading an old RV to take on the road. During that time I was working at Cookies Cafe at the bowling alley in Alva. Jim would come and see me once a week at the Cafe. Sometimes he would come alone and we would chat all morning. Other times he brought Joby or another old friend. It wasn't much but Jim made me feel welcomed into the family and a part of it. All we ever want is to feel accepted and loved and Jim had a way of doing that. He will be missed. Sending so much love!
Shelby Verhaert

Shelby L Verhaert - January 12 at 09:17 AM

DB

Always will remember him as my friend.

Danny Broadfoot - January 12 at 02:00 PM

RT

I've never known a better man than Jim Allen.

Rick Tyree - January 16 at 11:48 AM

CE

“ *Charlotte Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Ray Allen*



Charlotte Edwards - January 11 at 10:25 PM