



Jim Holder

January 30, 1927 - February 8, 2017

Memorial services for Jimmy Ray Holder will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 11, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Doctor Carol Cook-Moore officiating. Interment will be prior to the service under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Jimmy Ray Holder, son of the late John Wilkie and Vera Melsena (McKinney) Holder, was born January 30, 1927, at Hollis, Oklahoma, and passed away February 8, 2017, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 90 years and 9 days.

Jim graduated high school in Wellington, Texas. He then enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Philippines. On December 21, 1947, he was united in marriage to Mary Nell Pyeatt at her parent's home in Custer County, Oklahoma. He obtained his pharmacy degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 3 years. After graduation, Jim and Mary moved to Alva where he began filling prescriptions at Monfort Drug Store. He then bought Hester Drug and opened as Holder's Pharmacy. Holder Drug's motto has always been, "In business for your health" and Jim lived this philosophy everyday.

Jim was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a charter member of The Share Trust and President of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association. He was also the Chairman of Chamber of Commerce during the construction

of the Chamber building, a member of the NWOSU Foundation Board, served as secretary of the Election Board and a member of the Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge and Alva Masonic Lodge. He also had many hobbies including flying, hunting, fishing, water skiing, snow skiing, golfing and horseback riding. In 2016, he was honored by being named the Old Cowhand for the Freedom Rodeo.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Helen Jo Poole. Jim is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mary, of Alva; two daughters, Mary Susan Simpson and husband, Brownie, of Shawnee, Kansas, and Sally Eggleston and husband, Ken, of Waynoka and one son, Todd Holder of Alva; six grandchildren, Emily Freeman and husband, Chris, of Shawnee, Kansas, Amanda Fehr and husband, Scott, of Lenexa, Kansas, Heidi Claassen and husband, Jed, of Newton, Kansas, Sara Warnick and husband, Garret, of Blanchard, Oklahoma, Adam Holder and wife, Lacey, of Oklahoma City, and Andrew Holder and wife, Kirsten, of Oklahoma City; nine great grandchildren: Isaac and Megan Freeman, Emma, Henry and Hudson Fehr, Livie, Claire and Cade Claassen, Mackie Warnick and a town full of friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva First United Methodist Church, the NWOSU Foundation, and Arena Project, or Share Medical Center.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
626 College Avenue
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Holder*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Janita Hofen lit a candle in memory of Jim Holder*



Janita Hofen - February 27, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will be missed by so many. Take care.*

Joy Modeland Minton and Family

Joy Minton - February 16, 2017 at 11:01 PM



“ *To Jim's family--thanks for sharing him with the community--without his leadership Woods County would not be what it is today! Teri Piper*

Teri Piper - February 15, 2017 at 01:49 PM

EB

“ Jim and Mary were always the prime example of loving parents to me. Being a close friend to Todd, I loved spending time in the Holder household, on the Holder Farm or at Canton Lake with the Holders. Todd, Sally and Suzie, my heart goes out to you for your loss! Your dad was awesome and his memory I will always honor!
Sincerely, Edward Brawner

Edward Brawner - February 13, 2017 at 07:40 PM

MP

“ When we first moved to Woods County, I went into Alva to register to vote, and that was the first time I met Jim Holder. Later when I went to McKinley precinct to vote, the precinct workers would not let me vote. Jim was secretary of the Woods County election board, so I contacted him and the precinct workers were told that I could vote-
EVEN IF I WAS A REPUBLICAN!! Marceline Piper

Marceline Piper - February 12, 2017 at 01:39 PM

KR

“ So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. The memory I have of him is all of the Jack & Jill ice cream sundaes he made for me.. (chocolate ice cream with marshmallow cream fluff on top). May God wrap his loving arms around you,hold you close and comfort you during this difficult time Kathryn (Walters) Racette.. Cunningham, Ks.



Kathryn Walters Racette - February 12, 2017 at 12:10 PM

J.

“ Jim helped me get started in my first business in Alva after graduating from NWOSU in 1978. Even though I left a few years later for the Dallas, TX area to advance my career, I will always be grateful to remember he and his family being one of my first customers and for his referrals and introductions to others in the Alva-business community. I do not believe my life would have been the same without his help that sent me down the path to my life-long, professional career.

I pray that the cherished memory of your dear Jim, will help your family through this time and his example of a caring and help of others....

J.G.Sidwell - February 11, 2017 at 12:17 PM

JD

“ Jim and Mary Holder are remarkable people. They have been so kind to our family for many years - especially while my mom was going through her illness. Their kindness will never be forgotten. Jim stood as an example of a hard-working, caring man. I'll miss him!

Jim Duval - Cedar Rapids, IA

Jim Duval - February 11, 2017 at 11:33 AM

CM

“ Whom I respect and admired as a true Alvaian who showed and spoke how to live a purpose driven life that benefits all people. We loved him! Charlie & Janet McDonald

charlie mcdonald - February 11, 2017 at 10:31 AM

AR

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing; he was a wonderful individual & will be greatly missed.

Jim really cared about Alva, the town & the people. Prayers for all the family.

Annette Ralston

Annette Ralston - February 11, 2017 at 08:31 AM

JK

“ So saddened to read of Jim's passing in this morning's Enid newspaper. What a remarkable person he was and what a pillar of the community. I never once went into Holder's when Jim was anything but cheerful, pleasant, kind, and helpful...never once in all the years I lived in Alva or visited Alva to visit my parents.

Mary, you and Jim had/have such a lovely family, reflective of the wonderful people and parents you are/were. The two of you always exuded true class, poise, and professionalism in all you did.

This is almost like losing a family member, and I know most of Alva feels the same.

Deepest condolences to you and your family.

Judy Wilson Kirk

Enid, OK

Judy Wilson Kirk - February 11, 2017 at 07:55 AM

DW

“ *Jim was an exceptional man. Alva area will miss him in days & years to come. Our sympathy for his family & friends*



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - February 10, 2017 at 10:26 PM

SR

“ *To the Holder family,*

There are no words that can express how much Jim will be missed. He touched so many lives. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you all.

*With Love,
Tom and Sherry Ramy*

Sherry Ramy - February 10, 2017 at 09:20 PM

CP

“ *Prayers to the familyJim was a great a man...he will be missed...*

Carl and karol parsons - February 10, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - February 10, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Holder.*



February 10, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *JUDY HANNAFORD lit a candle in memory of Jim Holder*



JUDY HANNAFORD - February 10, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jim Holder.*



February 10, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jim Holder.*



February 10, 2017 at 11:20 AM

TK

“ We send our sincerest condolences at the loss of a great man. I remember having a conversation with Jim and he was so agitated that there was rye in the wheat field. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. With love, Tandy and Clayton Keenan

Tandy Keenan - February 10, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jim Holder.



February 09, 2017 at 10:49 PM

JL

“ *I have a lot of Great Memories of Jim that make me smile. I love the Holder Family as if they were mine. I just want everyone one to know, he is one of the BEST human beings, I have ever met. I loved him, I wished I would have told him. It just doesn't seem real that he is not here, but I know, our Lord has greeted him with the warmest welcome. Blessings and Respect to the Holder Family!*

Love,
Jon Berry Linder

Jon Berry Linder - February 09, 2017 at 06:49 PM

IE

“ Dear Mary, Todd, Sally, Susan and the rest of the Holder family, Jim was always the kind, caring person who prided himself in providing the best care to his clients, all of which were his friends. He was larger than life in life, and more than that in his passing. May the comfort of our Lord be with you all as we navigate this earthly world without his wisdom and guidance.

Ida Evans - February 09, 2017 at 03:45 PM