



Ronald Lee Mapes

August 29, 1942 - July 23, 2025

Graveside service for Ronald Lee Mapes will be 10:00 a.m., July 28, 2025 at Alva Municipal Cemetery with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Alva with Reverend Taylor Anderson, officiating. Visitation with the family will be 5-7 pm on Sunday, July 27, 2025 at Marshall Funeral Home. Services are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Ronald Lee Mapes, son of the late Chester Dean and Rhoda May (Essex) Mapes, was born August 29, 1942, at Farry, Oklahoma, and passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, July 23, 2025, in Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 82 years, 10 months, and 24 days.

Ron grew up on the family farm at Farry, alongside two brothers and four sisters. He attended Farry schools for most of his education, transferring to Freedom High School his senior year, where he graduated in 1960. He was united in marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Peggy Lou, on December 30, 1961, at his in-laws' house at Cora. Their family grew with the blessings of two sons: Jeffrey Lee, born in 1962, and Todd Lee, born in 1967. Ron's first job following high school was at Ron's DX, which would later become Garnett's of Alva. Following, he went on to deliver bread for Golden Crust before continuing to deliver for Wonder Bread for a career spanning thirty-two years.

In 2006, Ron and Peggy moved back to Cora to enjoy the beautiful country life and farming. Ron enjoyed raising his own cow-calf herd, farming, and harvesting wheat. Ron and Peggy enjoyed mornings and evenings sitting on the front porch looking out over their farmland. He loved quail hunting and fishing in his spare time. Ron was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Ron cherished time spent with his family and rarely missed a sporting event or livestock show when it came to supporting his sons and granddaughters.

Besides his parents, Chester and Rhoda, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Betty Keeton, Roberta Story, and Peggy Jean Hysinger; his brother, Richard Mapes; two sisters-in-law, Nancy Case and Twyla Mapes; and three brothers-in-law, Ellie Welch, Wayne Keeton, and Bob Case, as well as an infant child.

Ron is survived by his wife, Peggy, of Alva; his son, Jeff Mapes, and wife, Michelle, of Alva; his son, Todd Mapes, and wife, Kim, of Arkansas; his brother, Robert Mapes, of Colorado; his sister, Rose Welch, of Wichita; four grandchildren, Courtney Acker, and husband, Ryan, of Tulsa; Cathy King, and husband, JP, of Edmond; Audrey Mapes, of Arkansas; and Breanna Mapes, and fiancé, Adam, of Wichita; brother-in-law, Johnny Barnes; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to First United Methodist Church of Alva or Alva Goldbug Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 8:00 AM - 6:00 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

JUL 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation with Family

JUL 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside service

JUL 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Alva, OK 73717

Memorial Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM.

First United Methodist Chapel
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - August 05, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Service Video*



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“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Ronald Lee Mapes*.



July 27, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *First met Ron when he was our Wonder Bread guy at Dacoma. He was also our Bread Guy for a few years at my store in Alva. We had lots of great stories. One of the nicest guys I've ever known.*

Doug Whittet - July 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PW

“ Knew Ron since his DX days and will always remember him with his ever present smile and friendly personality. Condolences to all family members.
Paul Woodson OKC

Paul Woodson - July 25, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Lee Mapes.



July 25, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Lee Mapes.

July 25, 2025 at 08:37 AM

VS

“ My sincere condolences to Peggy & family, in the loss of Ron. He was such a friendly guy, always smiling whether he was delivering bread, or meeting on the street! May each of your hearts be warmed by special memories of one so dear to you!! RIP, Ron!



Vaughna Schmidt - July 24, 2025 at 11:38 PM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to all of you. ❤️🙏

jana terrell - July 24, 2025 at 09:25 PM

CE

“Peggy, Jeff an Todd.. I'm So Very Sorry to hear this ... My Thoughts an Prayers are with you at this Difficult time 💜🙏..... Charlotte Holt Edwards

Charlotte Edwards - July 24, 2025 at 09:17 PM

JR

“Prayers to you Peggy at this Difficult time. I loved seeing you all join all the girls basketball games and of course Softball. I'm sending you my strength to get you through this week. Big hugs from Rozlynn and I.



Jennifer And Rozlynn - July 24, 2025 at 06:59 PM

PJ

“I am wishing the Mape's family peace during this difficult time. Peggy and Ron's caring and concern during John's stay at shares gave me much comfort and feelings of love. Words cannot begin to express my sorrow for you now. Pam.(and John) Jones

Pam Jones - July 24, 2025 at 06:43 PM

JC

“Jesse Michelle Caleb Audra Aimee Chapman purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ronald Lee Mapes.



Jesse Michelle Caleb Audra Aimee Chapman - July 24, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JC

“ Jesse Michelle Caleb Audra Aimee Chapman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Lee Mapes.

Jesse Michelle Caleb Audra Aimee Chapman - July 24, 2025 at 06:40 PM

BB

“ What a wonderful human. So kind. Delivered our bread at restaurant at 4:30 every day.. He was one of a few that cared and I pop Ed like he'd did. Thank you Ron!



Bill/Linda Beeler - July 24, 2025 at 05:15 PM