



Vernie Hackney

March 3, 1920 - December 24, 2011

Funeral services for Vernon Anthony "Vernie" Hackney will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Ron Pingelton officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be a visitation with the family at the funeral home Monday, December 26, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Vernon Anthony "Vernie" Hackney, son of the late Henry Harry and Lottie Mae (Cooper) Hackney, was born March 3, 1920, at Lookout, Oklahoma, and passed away December 24, 2011, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 91 years, 9 months, and 21 days.

Vernie attended school at Lookout and Freedom High School. On October 18, 1939, he was united in marriage to Rose Thompson at Buffalo. During World War II he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Pacific Theater with the 24th Infantry Division. After his discharge from the army, he returned to Freedom where he farmed and ranched. Rose preceded him in death in 1967.

On July 10, 1970, he was united in marriage to Jeanette Schaefer at Woodard, Oklahoma. He served as a Woods County Commissioner for over 20 years.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fishing and hunting quail and turkey with Jim Holder.

Besides his parents and his wife, Rose, he was preceded in death by his wife,

Jeanette; one granddaughter, Terri Wiersig; four brothers, Phillip Hackney, Lloyd Hackney, Scott Hackney, and George Hackney; and three sisters, Betty Wilson, Mildred Hodgson, and Laura Murrow.

Vernie is survived by daughter, Sharon Harris and husband, Zearl, of Alva; one granddaughter, Traci Schwerdtfeger of Oklahoma City; a grandson-in-law, Doug Wiersig of Kingfisher; four great grandchildren, Taylor Schwerdtfeger and wife, Kindsey, of Kingfisher, Wade Schwerdtfeger of Alva, ShaLyn Schwerdtfeger of Alva, and Lane Wiersig of Alva; and two great great granddaughters, Ali and Kodi Schwerdtfeger of Kingfisher.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the NWOSU Foundation for a rodeo scholarship.

Tribute Wall



“ Vernie Hackney

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the death of Vernie. I remember him well from the time I lived in the Freedom area. I send my prayers for the family.
Alden Olson

Alden Olson - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of a good man. I loved listening to his stories. The best was when he and Uncle Bill would set and tell the same story at work. One would lie and the other one would swear to it. The kinda scary part was that most it was true. I am deeply saddened that I did not make it today. I was thinking of you all afternoon while I was at work. I lost my Dad, it will be a year ago in Feb. so I know how you feel. I wanted you to know we really do care. I pray the pain lessens quickly for you. God bless.

Sheila Rodkey - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you at this difficult time and sharing in the loss of your loved one. Our sympathy and prayers are with all your family.

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Sharon, Zearl, and family, We were saddened to hear of Vernie&s passing. What a colorful character he was! One of the true cowboys of Freedom. I can still see him riding into the rodeo arena on his horse and it seemed like his long legs were gonna touch the ground! He will certainly be missed, especially by my dad. God bless!

Randy & Sue Reed - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Sharon, We were sorry to hear about your dads passing. He will be missed by all that knew him. May God hold you and your family especially close during this time.

Sandy (Harth) Pendergraft - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sharon, Traci and family--I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Judy Rockett - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You may not know me but I was a classmate of Vernies at Moundride School many years ago. I also lived in Alva and was there when he was in law enforcement and also County Commissioner. He always was the same any time you seen him.like others I can see him riding around the arena at the rodeo. Guess God needed some help at the big rodeo in the sky.

Marthesia Knabe Myers - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ To Sharon and Zearl and family, My heart was saddened to hear about Vernie&s passing, but also know it was a blessing for his sake. I always loved Vernie stopping by my office and shooting the bull(there was never a dull moment) when he would come in. He was loved by many and will be sorely missed. Kathie

Kathie Easterling - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Sharon, Zearl & family,
Vernie was one of those "larger than life" heroes to me during my growing-up years in Freedom. He seemed to me to be the "John Wayne" or "Matt Dillon" of Freedom with his true cowboy ways and his community involvements. I well remember him charging his horse around the Freedom Rodeo arena and working the arena with that "gigantic" front-end loader. Vernie&s influence exemplifies why many of us continue to be inspired to preserve the Freedom Rodeo tradition and also to persevere as a community. We will miss his frequent visits and story-telling sessions at the bank.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Brett & Terry Smith

Brett Smith - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ sending you thoughts and prayers. God has given you wonderful memories of Vernie. Those very memories will keep him alive in your hearts. I (Violet) have never met him, but felt like I knew him thru Brandon and Zearl . Lots of great stories. You all are truly blessed to have had him in your life. Hugs Doug and Violet Brinkley

Sharon, Zearl and family - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“Ampride wont be the same” Im so sorry about Vernies passing he was a wonderfum man but he is in a BETTER PLACE!

Jennifer Murrow - December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To all of Vernie&s family, we extend our condolences and very deepest sympathy for your and our community&s loss.He will be remembered.

The Kevin Fields - December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sharonm Vernie will be missed so much by his Share friends and family. We pray for comfort and blessings to you and your family. Jane Gaskill.

Jane Gaskill - December 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We were saddened to hear of Vernie&s passing. He was a great guy. Roy enjoyed the summers he spent with Vernie helping in harvest. We always loved talking to him at the bowling alley on Saturday mornings. Interviewing him and taking his picture at harvest time was one of my most memorable. God bless you.

Roy and Helen Barrett - December 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ We extend our condolence to all of Vernie&s family. He was always considered a good friend. His jokes and pranks were felt by many and will be missed.

Maurice and Mary Lou Eden-Farr - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sharon, Zearl and Families:
What a man he was. Josh says "Hey Partner" I am gonna miss you.
God bless all of you at this time of sadness, but yet a joy to not see
him suffer anymore.
Our love to all of you.
Bill and Linda Beeler and Josh and Family

Bill and Linda Beeler - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sharon & Zearl & family...What a void in your family, and the
community! May your hearts be warmed with special memories of
the one and only unique Vernie. His &mischievous& smile will live
forever. We pray each of you may be comforted by love which only
God can provide.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To Vernie&s family, We know that the void left by Vernie&s passing
cannot be filled. We are left with only memories of all these special
people that have had such an impact on our lives. May you find
comfort and peace knowing that Vernie is at peace. Our love to all.

Jim & Sherry Beagley & Ina Sylvester - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Sharon and family, so very sorry to learn of the loss of Vernie. He
was a very special guy, and will be missed by many. Our thoughts
are with you and your family.

wanda reed - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Sharon, Zearl and family. So sorry to hear about Vernie passing. He was a very special person to me and I loved him very much and he will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Love you all.

Verleen (Schwerdtfeger) Baker - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Sharon, Zearl and families, We were so sorry to hear of Vernie&s passing. He&s in a better place but we will miss him so much. He was a unique man that was very endearing. Always a joker and fun loving person. God bless all of you at this time of sorrow. May God bless you.

Dudley & Jeanne Winn - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Let the ones who care about you help you get through the next days.

Jerry and Marsha Smith - December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM