



Virgil Leroy Russell

March 16, 1917 - January 18, 2011

Funeral services for Virgil Leroy Russell, will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the United Methodist Church, Freedom, Oklahoma with Rev. Ray Hull, officiating. Interment will be in the Fairvalley Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Virgil Leroy Russell, one of eleven children of the late James and Amanda (Littrell) Russell, was born March 16, 1917 in Woods County, Oklahoma near Fairvalley. He passed away on January 18, 2011 at the Clinton Veterans Center at the age of 93.

Virgil was born, raised and lived his entire life on land homesteaded by his parents. He attended Fairvalley School. On January 2, 1942 he was united in marriage to Helen Dutton Russell at Freedom, Oklahoma. He was soon sent to World War II where he served as a tank driver in the U. S. Army, receiving a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in battle. After Virgil's return from military service he and Helen raised a family on their farm southeast of Freedom. Throughout his life, he was active in the Morning Star, Freedom, and Woodward Baptist churches where he especially enjoyed singing hymns. In addition to raising cattle, Virgil worked on the railroad and drove a school bus for many years. Helen preceded him in death on August 29, 2004. He was also preceded in death by 5 sisters and 2 brothers.

Survivors include six children and their spouses, Bob and Debi Russell of Jackson, TN, Sherry and Bobby Russell, Lida and Tom Russell of Minco, OK, Jim and Annette Russell of Los Alamos, NM, Tom and Julie Russell of

Freedom, OK, and JoNell and Greg Roszyk of Crestline, CA; nine grandchildren, Jeannie Snow, Angie and Galen Humphrey, Nathan Russell, Paul Russell, Cody Dodson, Corey and Jill Russell, Jordan and Jessica Russell, Lucas Russell and Sarah Russell; 8 great-grandchildren; brothers Ralph Russell of Waynoka, OK, Harley and Alice Russell of Ruskin, FL and one sister Bonnie Dutton Glasgow of Winfield, KS; other relatives and friends. In later years, Virgil was blessed with a very special friend Leta Williams of Woodward, OK. They enjoyed attending church, having lunch, and visiting over the phone.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Freedom Ambulance and Fire Departments.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Leroy Russell*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your Fathers passing,it has been a number of years since I have seen your Father but remember the Russell family.Bobby was in my class of 64, and knew Sherry and Lida. May you remember all the family memories that you have all shared through out the years. Bless your family.*

Trixie Schultz-Leslie - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We miss our wonderful neighbor. Virgil leaves behind a very special family; one that he was very proud of. God Bless. The Edens*

Arly and Jan Eden - January 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Virgil&s passing. He will be remembered for his kindness & hard working ways. You have our thoughts & prayers at this time of great loss. God bless all of you.*

Dudley & Jeanne Winn - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Just wanted to send our prayers with you and your family. all the family at this time of sorrow. Many thoughts are with all of you. From Dena, Kim, Amy, Melissa P., Melissa H. Jamie S. Karen L.*

Dena Wickware R.N RMH - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To Virgil&s family, What a great man and so many happy memories. Hoping you find comfort knowing he had a long and happy life! Love and prayers to all of you.

Jack & Carol Bowers

carol bowers - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To Virgil&s family, We pray that you will be comforted by the wonderful memories of your loved one. We remember Virgil as such a kind and soft spoken man, so interesting to visit with. He leaves a legacy of such a fine family. We know he was very proud of you all.

Jim & Sherry Beagley - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Virgil was one of a kind and raised a great family. Hoping love and prayers will ease your grief.

Kim King Milliron - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM