



Walter Marion Howell

February 15, 1940 - April 20, 2025

Funeral services for Marion Howell will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Taylor Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be a visitation with family present at the funeral home Friday from 6-8:00 p.m.

Walter Marion, son of the late William Thomas and Celesta Mary (Burnidge) Howell, was born February 15, 1940, on the family farmstead in Woods County and passed away, surrounded by his family, April 20, 2025, at the age of 85 years, 2months, and 5 days.

Marion was raised in the Alva area with his brother and sisters. He attended Riverview School for a couple of years before attending Northwestern Normal School and Alva High School where he graduated with the Class of 1957. He attended a year at Northwestern State College. On October 26, 1962, he was united in marriage to Lyndell Joan Shepherd. They made their home in Alva where they raised their family. He worked for Panhandle Eastern until his retirement while also farming.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Marion enjoyed any and all of his grandkids activities, attending NWOSU basketball games, and he liked drag racing his Mustang.

Besides his parents, William and Celesta, he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Lyndell; and his sisters, Joan Nelson and Jean Wunschel and her husband, Bill.

Marion is survived by his son, Scott Howell and his wife, Valerie, of Perry; his daughter, Kristi Decker and her husband, Shawn, of Alva; his brother, Tom Howell of Alva; his sister, Erlene Morehart and her husband, Dr. Dennis, of Enid; three grandchildren, Heath Howell and Hadley Howell, both of Perry, and Cameryn Decker of Alva; a brother-in-law, Forrest Nelson of Alva; a brother-in-law, Don Shepherd and his wife, Bonnie, of Shattuck; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation for the Basketball program.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **23**. 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/>

Viewing

APR **24**. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
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Viewing

APR **25.** 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation with Family

APR **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
626 College Avenue
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Service Video*



Marshall Funeral Homes - April 28, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



Marshall Funeral Homes - April 24, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Walter Marion Howell*.

April 23, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of *Walter Marion Howell*.



April 23, 2025 at 05:09 PM

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“ Dear Scott, Kristi and families, Saying a prayer for all of you that you will find peace and comfort.

Donise (Sterba) Cinnamon

Donise Cinnamon - April 22, 2025 at 10:44 PM

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“ So sorry Kristi. Prayers for your family !

Judy Porter - April 21, 2025 at 06:12 PM