

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



August 2
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Drumright Museum Lawn

July 20
Paint Party



DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Celebrating Drumright!

Summer has arrived in Drumright, Oklahoma! So that means there must be a celebration of some kind being planned. I was down at the depot the other day, and I began to wonder about the big Drumright celebrations of past years. Here's a look at what I found.

In the freight room of the Drumright Historical Museum, I found a stack of well-preserved newspapers from 1962. That happened to be the 50th year of Drumright's existence. The headline boasted of a huge four-day celebration marking fifty years of community progress. Every business posted an advertisement praising their customers and highlighting their connection to the community. The paper also

included interviews with well-known citizens and politicians. This special edition had poems, photos and all kinds of special articles commemorating this momentous occasion.

Much praise was given to the 1962 Drumright Chamber of Commerce, for their production of this four-day celebration. A grand list of activities was planned for this community, and it all happened July 19-22, 1962. Prior to the event, banners were hung everywhere, and merchants fixed up their store fronts and sidewalks. A reporter commented that the chamber was "in a tizzy" and focused on "housecleaning before company arrives." Check out this list of events to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Drumright.

1. A huge parade was held boasting a million dollars' worth of oilfield equipment, plus marching bands, and floats. Yvonne Choteau, a prima ballerina from Oklahoma, was a special guest and rode on a float.
2. An antique display was set up in the old Kraker building on the south side of East Broadway. It was arranged and hosted by Tommy Joe Caldwell.
3. A huge fireworks display was held in the park. There was no display for the Fourth of July, so that this display could be gigantic.
4. An exhibition baseball game was held between Drumright and Yale. By the way, I didn't find a score, so we will hope that Drumright won.
5. Huff's Rexall Drugs hosted a Model Car Building Contest. Kids built model cars, and they were all displayed inside the drug store. Then judges picked winners from various categories and gave ribbons.
6. With it being the middle of July, it was hot! The city offered free swimming at the city pool.
7. A huge rodeo was held at the local arena and lots of local and well-known cowboys participated for cash and prizes, supported by local businesses.
8. Out at the Fair Barn, a free barbecue dinner was hosted by the chamber and everyone in the community was welcome.
9. Lastly, a fun square dance was held after the barbecue, and fun was had by all.

What a wonderful time it must have been living in Drumright in 1962. But what an exciting time it is to be here in Drumright now! We have a phenomenal Chamber of Commerce that is totally committed to making Drumright a good place to live and work and raise a family. There are community events happening all the time, just look around. We have the Monthly Market at the museum on the first Saturday of each month. There are youth activities in Whitlock Park on Friday evenings. Our 53rd Oil Patch Celebration is coming up on October 4th! We should continually celebrate our community. After-all, it's a mighty poor frog that won't praise its own pond!



SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAYS

DRUMRIGHT

4 - Sensational Days - 4
July 19 · 20 · 21 · 22, 1962



We've Come A Long Way

COMMEMORATING
50 Years of
Progress

PERHAPS your memory of the pot-bellied stove and the open cracker barrel in the store your dad used to take you to when the 20th Century was young, is dim. Maybe you weren't even born about the time of cable tools . . . and standard fronts . . . and bull wheels . . . walking beams, headache posts and steam boilers. Oil for engines was coming out of the ground all right but motor transportation was in its infancy and only horse drawn equipment could be pulled through the rough roads and cow trails to the oil patch.

FABULOUS CHANGES have occurred since then. The miracles of the 20th Century have piled one on another. The old fashioned pot bellied stove has been replaced with myriads of comforts and conveniences. Wooden derricks have been replaced by steel . . . stationary steam boilers by diesels . . . cable tools by rotary equipment . . . powerful trucks go where teams could not.

WHAT would grandpa say now? He'd say Drumright has kept pace with progress. He'd say this has grown into one of the finest, most friendly communities in Oklahoma . . . He'd say, "Grandma, I am proud of these folks of the Drumright oil patch!"



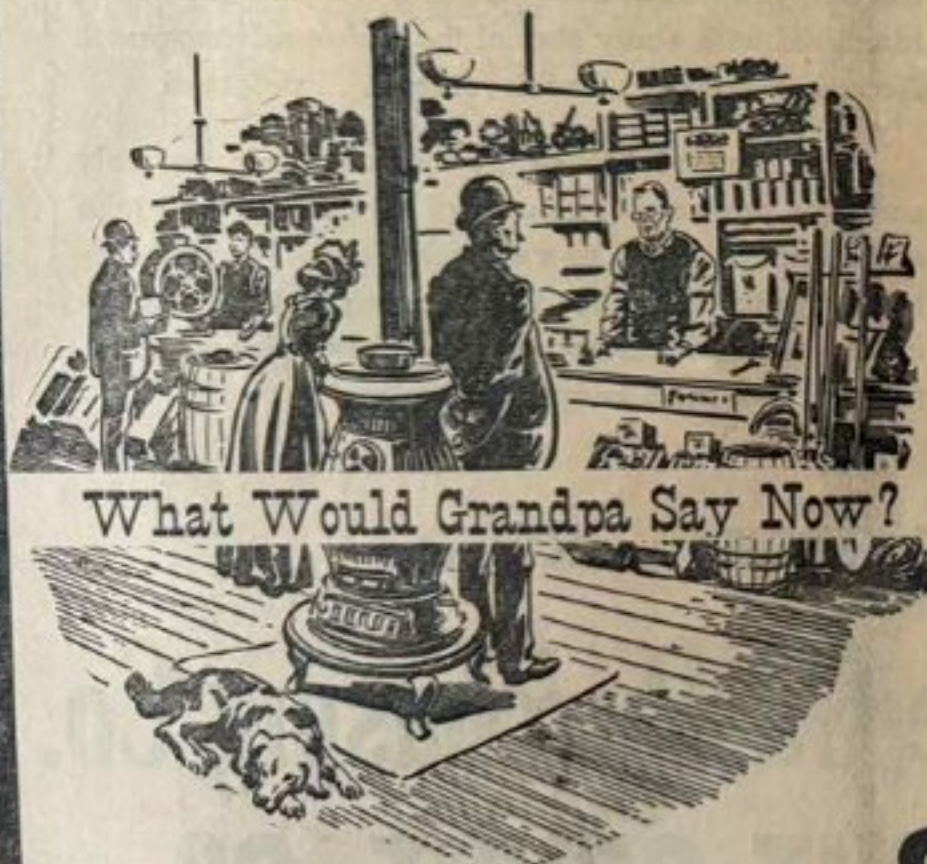
FREE!

- ★ SWIMMING FOR THE KIDDIES
- ★ SQUARE DANCE
- ★ FIRE WORKS
- ★ OIL PARADE
- ★ BASEBALL
- ALSO
- ★ RODEO
- ★ BARBECUE

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HOWARD CRAMER and ALL EMPLOYEES Cordially Invite Everyone to Take Part In This Celebration!

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Semi CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAYS



What Would Grandpa Say Now?

1912

When the first Chamber of Commerce in Drumright was formed the City of Drumright had many pot-bellied stoves and open cracker barrels. Today our stores are modern in every respect and is one of the areas best shopping centers.

What would Grandpa say now? He would say, of course, that he never believed when Drumright was a tent city that it could become the fine little city that it is today. It has the reputation of being a friendly city of thousands of fine citizens—compared to the rough and tough oil boom town that it was in the beginning.

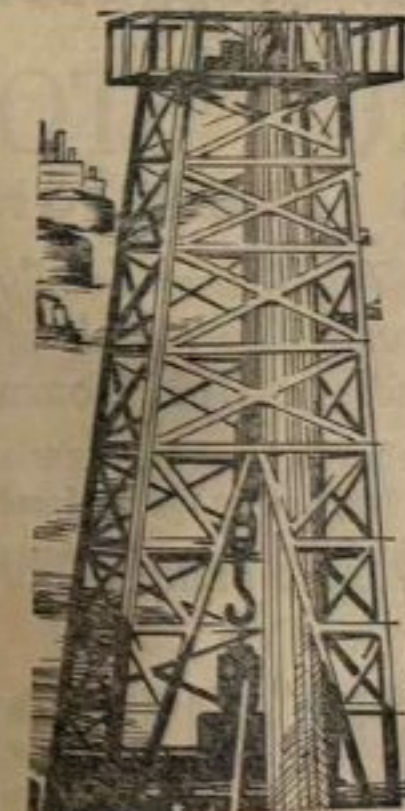
The Chamber of Commerce invites all the former Drumright citizens to celebrate with us the memorable event. The 50th birthday of the founding of Drumright.

1962

JULY 19

FREE

- SWIMMING
- BARBECUE
- SQUARE DANCE
- BASEBALL GAME
- PARADE
- ANTIQUE SHOW
- FIRE WORKS



JULY 20-21-22

RODEO

JULY 19-22, 1962

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A Thought To Drumright

Drumright is a nice little town
It's known for many miles around
For its friendly people and basketball
And I'll tell you now, that isn't all.
Just get on top and look down hill
It never fails to give you a thrill.
It's built on hills like a story book.
If you don't believe me, just have a look.
We have lakes to the east and lakes to the west
But some like Deep Fork River the best.
If that's not enough the great grand slam
Will be the building of Keystone Dam.
Boating and fishing any direction you take
If you get tired of working, just go to the lake.
For hunters we have most all kinds of game
If you like hunting just give it a name.
We have rabbit and squirrel and beautiful deer,
Fox, wolf and quail you will find right here.
If I have missed the right one, just give me a ring
For I'm sure we have just the right thing.
For beautiful ladies Drumright is well known –
From the teenagers to the full grown.
It's caused from walking up and down hill.
The Hollywood actresses don't have a thing
On these little ladies whose praises we sing
For these few thoughts I don't want a dime
I'm just thinking my thoughts and spending my time.
This is the best deal that ever can be
I am a citizen of this town you see.
I hope to retire and enjoy and love
The things I have thought and written above.
--A Drumright Citizen (1962)

Tidewater Winery

Paint Party

Buy Tickets Here: <https://paintpartybyteresa.ticketspice.com/tidewater-winery-goat-or-cow>

All supplies and instructions provided at Tidewater Winery in Drumright

Grab a friend or come alone and make new friends!

Host: Teresa Danks 918-891-2688

Facebook: Paint Party by Teresa

Website: www.paintpartybyteresa.com

Food and drinks available for purchase!



Tidewater Winery
54560 W. Hwy 16
E0727 Rd
Drumright, OK 74030

Paint Party

By Teresa

Painters Choice
11" x 14" Canvas



\$35

Wine and Brunch
available for purchase!



SCAN ME

Sunday
July 20th, 2025
2pm to 4:30pm

All painting supplies included.
Food and Drink available for purchase!

Host: Teresa Danks
Pre-Paid Only - \$40
Tickets on sale now!

www.paintpartybyteresa.com

July 2025						
sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
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Business Absence

07/05 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA
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07/12 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA
07/19 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA
07/19 - Flea & Farmers Market, Gilbre
07/26 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA
08/02 - Rose District Farmers Market, BA

Festivals

07/12 - Flavors of Oklahoma, Medford

Upcoming Events

07/05 - Second Sunday Poetry on the 1st Sunday
07/20 - Sip & Paint 2PM (tickets required)
8/10 - Brunch 10AM - 1PM
08/10 - Second Sunday Poetry
08/17 - Back to School Bash

Tidewater Winery

Ribbon Cutting - A Day to Remember at Tidewater Winery!

We're still riding high from an unforgettable day at Tidewater Winery! On Saturday, June 28th, we celebrated a beautiful new chapter with a ribbon cutting and welcome party for the new owners, Tim & Lora Chambers — and WOW, did our community show up in a big way! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us — friends, family, longtime supporters, and new faces alike. The energy, the hugs, the music, the laughter... it was everything we hoped for and more.

Live music filled the air all day thanks to the amazing talents of Gene Collier, Todd Harkreader, Terah Barnett, and Sister Stone. BBQ by one of our own, mouthwatering sides from Joseph's Fine Foods, and Godofredo's Pizzeria & Tap Room kept everyone happily fed. Snow cones from Kingdom Concessions helped keep things cool, and the petting zoo from Tiny Tail Farm and pony rides from B&B Pony Parties made it extra special for the little ones! Good wine, great company, and unforgettable vibes made it a day we'll never forget.

We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of love, support, and encouragement we received. Thank you for helping us kick things off in such a special way — we feel incredibly lucky to be part of this amazing community. Here's to new beginnings, cherished memories, and many more celebrations ahead at Tidewater Winery!

With love and gratitude,
— Tim & Lora



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH

FRESH
April - December

First Saturday
Every Month
9a-2p

• DRUMRIGHT •

MONTHLY MARKET

Fresh Produce, Hand Crafted Goods, Flowers & Plants,
Hot / Cold Food, Bath, Body & Spirit, Art &
Photography, Clothing & Accessories,
Live Animals, Healthy Medicine
and MORE!

100%
LOCAL

FOOD
TRUCKS

Family
Friendly

Join the
FUN

Text Angela 918-352-8013

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Obituaries

Derrek Wayne Beaumont

Derrek Beaumont, resident of Drumright, passed from this life on May 25, 2025 at the age of 68 years, 9 months, & 9 days. The family plans to have his cremains placed in the Columbarium Niche at Fort Sill National Cemetery at a later date.

Derrek was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 16, 1956 to the late Kenneth Ray & Jewel Edith (Eddings) Beaumont. He was raised and educated in the Sand Springs & Sapulpa area. Fresh out of High School, he moved to California and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. His career in the Marines lasted for 20+ years & took him all over the world. On November 24, 1984 he married Sharon Ann Parker in Texas and to this union 4 children were born. After his retirement from the Marine Corps, they made their home in Wichita Falls, Texas where he secured a job with the City. He & Sharon remained together until her death in 2011. He later met Carol Jean Moody & they were married on March 23, 2013. With Carol being from Cushing, they decided to leave Texas and moved to Drumright that same year. Derrek and Carol were very active in the Drumright Community. At the time of his death, he had served on the Drumright City Commission for the past 12 years. In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by his 2nd wife: Carol Beaumont in 2022; & his beloved dog: Semper Fi.

His remaining family includes his CHILDREN: Jennifer Madera & husband Luis – Nikki Beaumont – Joshua Beaumont and wife Dallas - & Jason Beaumont; Several Grandchildren; a Sister: Linda Case; and PLUS several Cousins - & other family members.

Thomas Charles Boydston

Graveside funeral rites were held 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 16th at Highland Cemetery at Oilton, Oklahoma. Rev. Nathan Painter of the Oilton First Free Will Baptist Church will officiate. Military Funeral Honors will be provided by the United States Air Force. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Thomas was born in Bristow, Oklahoma on April 23, 1944 to the late Cecil & Mary (Banks) Boydston. He passed from this life in Tulsa on June 8, 2025 at the age of 81 years, 1 month, & 16 days. Thomas was raised & educated in Sapulpa. He joined the United States Air Force in 1961 & was honorably discharged in 1975. After his discharge, he settled in California for a few years then moved to Yale, Oklahoma where he was employed as a police officer. He met Joyce Bridwell who owned a café in Yale and they were united in marriage in Miami, OK in 1985. They made their home in Oilton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a Brother: Jimmy Boydston.

He is survived by his Wife: Joyce Boydston of Oilton; 3 Stepchildren: Tim Bridwell & wife Shawna of Michigan - Michael Bridwell of Oilton - Rob Bridwell & wife Debbie of Oilton; Grandchildren: Casey - Neil - Evan - Adam - Ian - Brandi - Zachary - Tyler - Noah - & Becca; 18 Great Grandchildren - 2 Great Great Grandchildren; Plus numerous other relatives & friends.

Obituaries

Hazel Marie Gibson Hart

Funeral services for Mannford resident, Hazel Hart, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 11th in the First Baptist Church of Olive with Rev. George "Marty" Brock, III & Rev. Joey Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the Drumright Oak Hill Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Hazel was born at Carson Ridge in Creek County, Oklahoma on July 24, 1936 to the late John & Eral (Baker) Carson. She passed from this life on June 4, 2025 in Tulsa at the age of 88 years, 10 months, & 11 days. Hazel was raised & educated in Olive & was a 1954 graduate of Olive High School. While in High School, she met William Max Gibson and as soon as she graduated, they married on May 29, 1954. They made their home in Olive and had 3 children: Rhonda - Brenda - & William Max, Jr. Hazel was mostly a stay at home mom & enjoyed sewing. When needed, she was also a substitute teacher at the Olive Schools. Hazel's faith in her Lord & Savior was strong and she raised her kids in the Olive First Baptist Church. She was also a charter member of Freedom Hill Baptist Church and occasionally attended the Mannford First Baptist Church. She moved to Mannford in 2004 but always considered First Baptist Church of Olive her home. In addition to her Parents: John & Eral Carson; & her In-Laws: Fred & Roberta Gibson, Hazel was preceded in death by her Husband: William Max Gibson, Sr. in 1973; also 2 Brothers: Kenneth & Johnny Carson; Sister: Louise Hughes & husband Robert; Son-In-Law: Earnest Moody, III; Sister-In-Law: Trisha Turnbow & husband Gerald; & Brother-In-Law: Charles Gibson.

Those left to cherish her memory are her Children: Rhonda Moody of Tulsa - Brenda Roberts of Cushing - William Max Gibson, Jr. & wife Sherri of Chandler; Grandchildren: Brian & Kelly - Jason - Melissa & Andrew - Brandie & Palo - Brandon & Kelly - Austin & Gina - Adam & Taryn - Andrea - Rob & Kandace; 16 Great Grandchildren & 1 GREAT Great Grandchild; 2 Sisters: Julie Harper of Bristow - Carolyn Cockran of Missouri; PLUS numerous Nieces - Nephews - Cousins - other relatives - & friends.

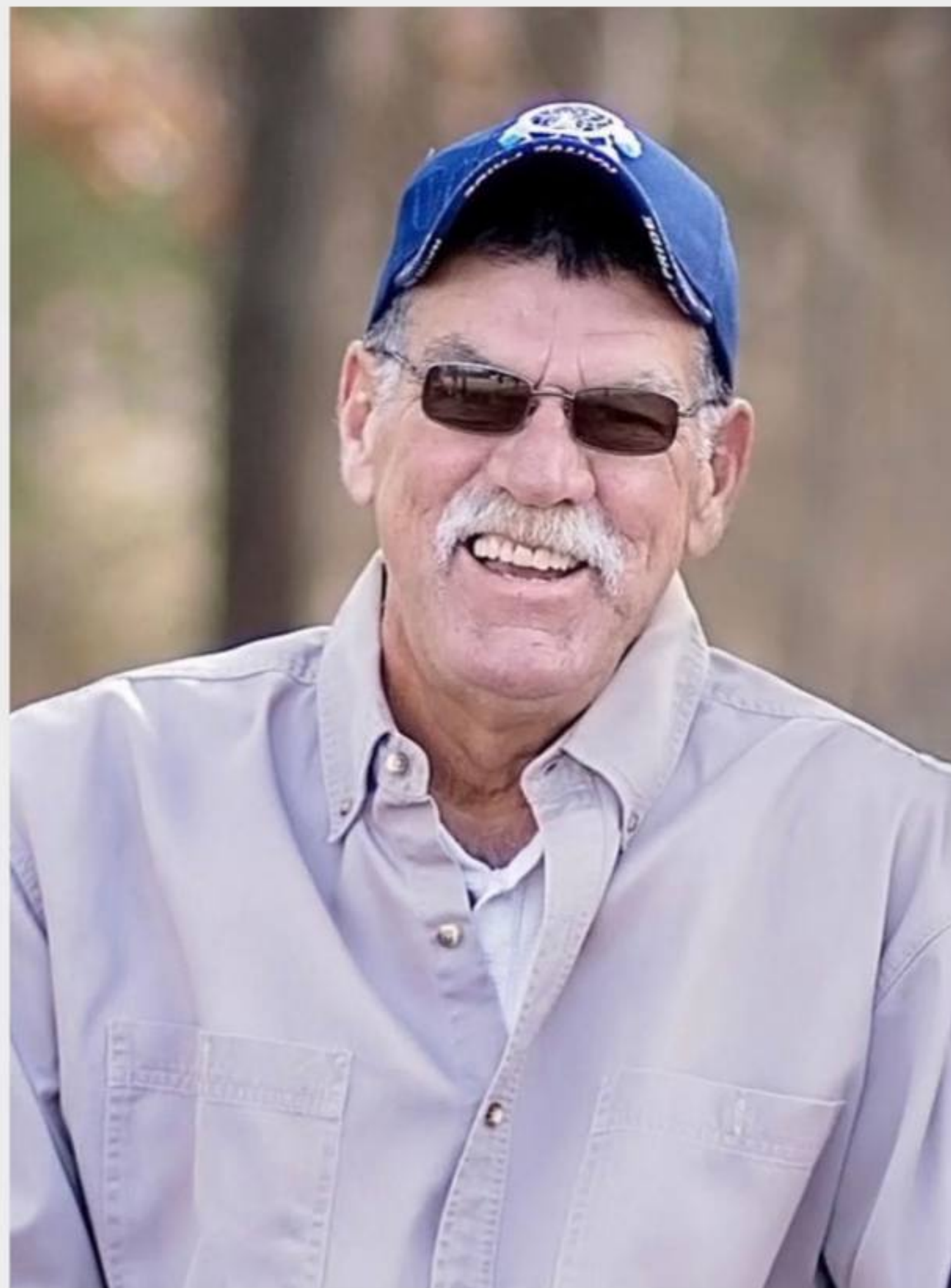
Obituaries

Robert Lee Sizemore

A Celebration of Life service for Drumright resident, Bob Sizemore, was held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 24th at the Corner Post Cowboy / Crossroads Community Church near Jennings, Oklahoma with Pastor Mark Jackson officiating. Cremation and memorial services are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Bob was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on October 17, 1959 to Billy Ray & Shirley Jean (Greenfeather) Sizemore. He passed from this life peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on June 19, 2025 at the age of 65 years, 8 months, & 2 days. Bob was raised & educated in Olive and was a 1977 graduate of Olive High School. He had lived in the Drumright/Olive area for the past 45 years and had worked in the area oil fields for Berexco. He married Carla Quimby on May 9, 1980 & they made their home in the Olive area. In his spare time, he enjoyed dog racing, coon hunting, goat farming, & spending time with his grandchildren & family. He was preceded in death by his Father: Bill Sizemore; & a Brother: Kenneth Sizemore.

His remaining family includes his WIFE: Carla Sizemore of the home; 2 CHILDREN: Brandon Sizemore & wife Tiffany of Mannford – Brooke Cumbey & husband Todd of Muskogee; 3 GRANDCHILDREN: Kylee – Brody - & Kavan; his MOTHER: Shirley Sizemore of Mannford; SISTER: Sharon Johnson & husband John of Mannford; BROTHER: Bill Sizemore of Mannford; PLUS several Nieces – Nephews - Cousins - & other family members.



Obituaries

Kerry Don Uhlich

A memorial gathering and celebration of life service for Kerry Don Uhlich was held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11th at the Keystone State Park near Mannford, Oklahoma. During this time, friends were invited to come and spend time telling stories and sharing memories with family and friends. Cremation arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Kerry was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma on June 26, 1959 to the late Chester Gene Uhlich & Delana Maxine (Tiffin) Uhlich. He passed from this life at his home in Silver City on June 4, 2025 at the age of 65 years, 11 months, & 09 days. Kerry was raised & educated in Midwest City, Oklahoma. He later moved to Cleveland, Oklahoma then Silver City. He married LaDonna Endicott in 2010 & they made the Silver City area their home. Kerry was a Diesel truck mechanic and had worked in the oilfields. He also drove a truck for Freightliner and was a volunteer firefighter on the Cleveland Fire Department. He loved spending time with his family and friends, riding his Harley, playing "Wahoo" and was a member of the Oklahoma Football Hall of Fame. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 Brothers & a Stepdaughter.

He leaves behind his wife: LaDonna of the home; Daughter: Kim Florer of Cleveland; Son: Kyle Uhlich of Cleveland; Stepdaughter: Jessie Douthitt & husband Caleb; Grandchildren: Maddox - Logan - Cayl - Mayci - & Ainsley; a Great Grandchild: Everlee; Sister: Karla & husband Rick of Missouri; Plus many cousins & other relatives.

Obituaries

Juanita Watkins

Funeral services for Warr Acres resident, Juanita Watkins, were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10th in the Bible Missionary Church in Bethany, Oklahoma with Rev. Roger Mertens officiating. Interment was held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12th in the Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Juanita was born at Shamrock, Oklahoma on October 23, 1934 to the late Andrew & Ellen Bernice (Metzer) Pittser. She passed from this life on June 3, 2025 in Oklahoma City at the age of 90 years, 7 months, & 11 days. Juanita was raised & educated in Shamrock and at the age of 9, was saved in the Shamrock Baptist Church. She married Robert Watkins in 1950 & they made their home in Shamrock and later Drumright. They raised 5 children: Roberta - Harley - Christine - Danny - & La Nelda. Robert had worked in the oil fields and later became a pipeliner, which meant they traveled all over the country. In 1986 her husband died and in 1988 she moved to Warr Acres where she remained the rest of her life. Juanita's faith was strong and unwavering. She was a devout Christian and was a charter member of the Bethany Bible Missionary Church. She was preceded in death by her Father: Andrew Pittser; Her Mother & Step-Father: Ellen & John Mathis; her Husband Robert Watkins; 2 Children: Juanita Christine Watkins Helms - Daniel Watkins; Granddaughter: Shannon; Siblings: Kenneth Pittser - Clyde Pittser - Curly Pittser - Ernie Thatcher - & Nellie Stafford.

She is survived by 3 Children: Roberta Watkins of Warr Acres - Harley Watkins of Harrah - La Nelda Watkins of Moore; 6 Grandchildren & a HOST of Great Grandchildren - GREAT Great Grandchildren; her Sister-In-Law: Millie Pittser; PLUS many - Nieces - Nephews - Cousins - Other relatives - and her much loved church family.



Obituaries

Ella Jo Word

Ella was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 5, 2017 to Marissa Jo Perryman. She passed from this life suddenly on May 29, 2025 at the age of 7 years, 11 months, & 24 days. Ella had the brightest smile and the most contagious laugh you've ever heard. She loved music, dancing, art, and especially loved hanging out with her family and friends. She had received a heart transplant in 2020 that had given her a new lease on life and she lived it to the absolute fullest. There wasn't a single person who met Ella that didn't instantly fall in love with her. She was the sweetest soul and was so loved. Ella's love also extends to the many nurses, doctors, and other medical staff who took amazing care of her over the years. She was preceded in death by her Great Grandparents: Marvin & Janet Campbell; & Great Grandfather: Lyle Perryman.

She leaves behind her loving MOTHER: Marissa Perryman & STEPDAD: Nicholas Smith; her SISTER: Kambele Word; her FATHER: Tommy Word & ½ siblings: Addison Southern & Kylan Word; GRANDPARENTS: Kyle & Trina Perryman -Vance & Robyn Smith; GREAT GRANDMOTHER: Sue Perryman; AUNTS &UNCLES: Megan & Mason Perryman - Zack & Faye Smith - Justin & Emily Smith; COUSINS: Emma - Rhett - & Elliot; PLUS numerous other relatives, extended family members & friends.



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