



## Raymond Dean Griffith

February 2, 1934 - July 31, 2023

Raymond Dean Griffith passed from this life on July 31st, 2023 at Talihina Manor at the age of 89. He was born February 2nd, 1934 at home on Frazier Creek Road to Raymond and Beulah (Treat) Griffith. Raymond Dean's boyhood consisted of ranching. Raymond Dean and his father checked on and gathered their free range cattle on horseback in the Ouachita Mountains near their home. When Raymond Dean's dad purchased cattle, there was no stock trailer. They rode horseback to places such as Tuskahoma and drove the cattle home. When Raymond Dean had time, he like to pester his three younger sisters. His mother would promptly step in and deliver punishment such as moving a rock pile then moving it back. Raymond Dean played basketball and participated in steer wrestling throughout his high school years at Whitesboro. He married his high school sweetheart Josephine (Tootie) Rose on May 24, 1952. The couple had three children: Trudye, Roy and Brenda. Raymond Dean played one year of basketball at Poteau Junior College. He then transferred to play three years at Idaho State on a rodeo / basketball scholarship, moving his young family with him. Raymond Dean wore many hats after earning a Bachelors Degree in Education at Idaho State, he then obtained his Masters Degree in Education at SOSU in Durant. He was a coach at Talihina High School, a businessman, an elected official, a rancher, a racehorse owner, a politician, a public servant, a 32nd Degree Mason for 50 years, a Shriner, and a beloved father, brother, grandpa, great grandpa, great-great grandpa and uncle.

Raymond Dean is survived by his children; Roy and Tammy Griffith, and Brenda and Jontie Aldrich; grandchildren, Kyle and Sheanna Griffith, Shane and Kelli Griffith, Sarah and Tyler Sephus; great grandchildren, Taylor, Gus, Tristan, Spencer, Talon, Landen, and Sawyer; great-great grandchildren, Brooks, Logan, Lealand, and Laramie Jo; sister, Raye and John Rose as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Raymond Dean is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Josephine; daughter, Trudye Lynn; sisters, Carla Woods and Jane Mings.

Visitation will be on Monday August 7th, 2023 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM at McCarn Funeral Service in Talihina.

Services will be on Tuesday August 8th, 2023 at 10:00AM at Talihina First Baptist Church with Bro. Mark Cook and Bro. Kenny Bryant officiating. Interment will follow at the Old City Cemetery in Talihina. Services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Talihina Youth Football P.O. Box 888 Talihina, OK 74571

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McCarn Funeral Service  
500 Dallas Street  
Talihina, OK 74571  
(918) 942-5004  
<https://www.mccarnfuneralservice.com>

## Service

AUG 8. 10:00 AM.

Talihina First Baptist Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Dean Griffith.*



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August 04, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Shirley Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Raymond Dean Griffith*



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**Shirley Hamilton** - August 02, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Coach! 🏀  
Helen Childers Lanning and Eddie Lanning*

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**Helen Childers Lanning** - August 02, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Coach was one of my favorite people to take care of and talk to. He always had a smile for me. Coach now you know where your beloved Jo is. RIP.*

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**Connie Parker** - August 01, 2023 at 09:56 PM