



Larry Forrest Wilks

March 28, 1938 - January 3, 2026

Larry Forrest Wilks passed away on January 3, 2026, at his home in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, surrounded by family and friends. He was born on March 28, 1938, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Forrest John and Lucille Audrey White Wilks.

A proud graduate of Fort Gibson High School in 1956, Larry was active in Vo-Ag and earned awards for showing cattle. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University, where he earned a degree in animal science and participated in both the college rodeo program and baseball team.

Following graduation, Larry served in the U.S. Army as a meat inspector, applying his academic training to his military service. While stationed in New York, he enjoyed frequent visits to the racetrack—one of his lifelong passions. Upon returning to Oklahoma, he trained racehorses and raised cattle before beginning a 34-year career with the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier in Fort Gibson. He was especially known for his kindness to elderly residents on his route, often delivering mail directly to their doors during inclement weather.

Larry had a deep love for animals and was known to feed raccoons, opossums, cats, dogs—especially his beloved dogs Buddy and Shorty—and even deer. He enjoyed watching OU softball and Tennessee women's basketball, following rodeos and current events, working crossword puzzles, and discussing topics ranging from Moonshiners to Arch Manning. He believed in a higher power and cherished meaningful conversations with those

around him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, John Cartlett and Janie Wilks, Otto and Mary White; special aunt, Grace White Pratt and her husband Guy; aunt, Bertha White Haas; and cousins, Ruth McLemore, Carol Goad and her husband Lue Ray, and Bobby Wilks.

He is lovingly survived by special cousin, Carol Perry of Edmond; cousins, Linda Shemely and family of Edmond, Wendy Hatley, husband Mark and family, Bobbi Butler and family, Alan Wilks, wife Sherry and family all of Fort Gibson, Gary Paul Wilks, wife Tye and family of Oktaha, Cheryl Sigel, husband Joe and family of Paola, KS, Diane Merry, husband Rodger and family of Bartlesville, Mary Lou Goad and family of Salina, KS, Susan Wilson, husband Darrell and family of Hartford, KS; special friends, Wayne Church, wife Rita and family, Doug Dortch, wife Cindy and family, Jeff Dortch, wife Shelly and family, Bill Morton, all of Fort Gibson, Michelle Madole and family of Edmond.

The family would like those attending the service to dress in jeans in honor of Larry who always wore jeans.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in Larry's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.

Viewing for Larry will be 12PM-7PM, Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Larry's life will be celebrated 11AM, Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Greenhill Cemetery Pavilion in Muskogee with Brother Butch Cook officiating. Doug Dortch, Jeff Dortch, Darius Taylor, Wayne Church, Jason Taylor, Gary Paul Wilks, Mark Hatley, and Bill Morton will serve as casket bearers. Alan Wilks will serve as an honorary casket bearer.

The family of Larry Forrest Wilks has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the Wilks family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N York
Muskogee, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greenhill Cemetery
1500 N York
Muskogee, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Larry was good man good neighbor for a lot of years, rest in peace, Larry*

Chris Gauntt - January 08 at 02:09 PM

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“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Larry Wilks*



James Harris - January 07 at 09:08 PM

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“ *My husband and Larry were both in FFA and graduated together. My family sends our sympathy to all his cousins and friends.*

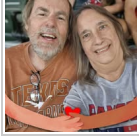
Eunice Brown - January 06 at 04:04 PM

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“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Larry Wilks*



Eunice Brown - January 06 at 03:58 PM



“ Jeanine Craig West lit a candle in memory of Larry Wilks



Jeanine Craig West - January 05 at 08:33 PM



“ I will never forget your voice. I remember feeding cows with you and feeding Oreo the goat with you. You gave me my first and my last “dip” and you told me it was candy. You laughed so hard I thought you were going to put the truck in the ditch. Always a good time when you were around. -Susan

Susan Goad Wilson - January 05 at 09:58 AM



“ I will never forget when I first met you. You were always feeding your cattle, the deer, and any other animal that wandered on your property. Being invited to feed with you remains a highlight of my growing up years. Our friendship grew more and more, attending many horse races and talking about current events, Pat Summit’s Lady Vols, Arch Manning, OU softball, etc. made you more of a brother to me. Thank you for always listening to the highs and lows of my life without judgment. I love you more than words can express!

Carol Perry - January 04 at 01:16 PM