



## Walter 'Buddy' H. Stubbs Jr.

December 8, 1940 - September 25, 2020

Walter Hale 'Buddy' Stubbs Jr., a 79-year-old lifelong Fort Gibson resident, was born December 8, 1940 in Muskogee, OK to Walter Sr. and Wyenne (Copeland) Stubbs and peacefully passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020 at his home. Buddy attended Fort Gibson Schools and continued his education at Northeastern State University. He married his best friend and the love of his life, Elsie Marie James on February 13, 1960 in Tahlequah, OK. He and Elsie made their home in Fort Gibson and started a farming career that would last a lifetime. Buddy and Elsie owned and operated Fort Gibson Nursery for 25 years, growing everything from shrubs to trees. They continued farming, but in the grain market to this day. Buddy enjoyed hunting, fishing, and vacationing in the mountains. Buddy was very civic minded and served on the Fort Gibson School Board and the Fort Gibson State Bank Board. He was a longtime member of the Boulevard Christian Church in Muskogee. His passion in life was his family and working the land. Buddy is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Janice Lee Harrison; daughter, Julia Renee Stubbs; and grandson, David Walter Stubbs. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Elsie of the home; son, Walter H. Stubbs III and wife Angela of Fort Gibson; granddaughters, Tiffany Pepe and husband Vince of Wiscasset, Maine; Heather Brown of Tahlequah, OK; Cassandra Stubbs of Muskogee, OK; grandson, Caleb Taylor and wife Paige of Tahlequah, OK; great-grandson, Tristen Pepe of Wiscasset, Maine; brother-in-law, Eugene S. James and wife Luedeen of Leesburg, Florida; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins,

and many friends. A visitation will be held Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends 4PM-7PM. A funeral service celebrating Buddy's life will be held 1:00PM Thursday, October 1, 2020 at the Fort Gibson First Baptist Church with Mr. Budo Perry and Pastor Nate Capps officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at the Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Larry D. Cooper, Steve Cooper, Mike Cooper, Dwayne Cooper, Jim White, and Caleb Taylor serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Charles Woods, Joe Stephens, Don Lowe, and Jim Whitehead. The family of Walter Hale 'Buddy' Stubbs Jr., has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left for the family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

SEP 30. 4:00 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

OCT 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
304 E Hickory  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter 'Buddy' H. Stubbs Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Buddy taught me more in the 2 years I worked for him than I could ever thank him for. When I would be out in the fields planting or plowing his radio sign was “red 1”, I was “red 2”, and Elsie's nickname was “red pencil”!! After losing my grandfather buddy was what I needed in my life. Buddy and Elsie were my grandparents away from home and without them I would have never discovered my passion in life. Driving around in the John Deere 7800 “Bertha big hips” lol and getting to become friends with some amazing people I miss very much, is something I will never forget! Buddy and Larry Dale cooper would sneak up in the fire truck and blow the sirens and get me every time lol than Larry dale would say you gonna do something today easy money than we go eat boomerang for lunch.. I'm gonna miss you buddy more than I already do. I had no idea that you passed away or I would have been there without hesitation. Love you 'Buddy'*

*Raymond “Red 2” Trahan*



raymond trahan - March 01, 2021 at 09:20 PM

MG

“ Just discovered his passing. I worked for Buddy for a few years in high school. I later became a principal and always strived to treat people the way he treated me. I was always greeted with a "Howdy, Howdy" and was told "Thank You" when we parted. Not sure how much he spent feeding me lunch at mac's, even when I got the tractor stuck or made some other bone headed mistake. My sincerest condolences to the family.

Mike Goats - January 16, 2021 at 09:33 PM

JG

“ Jamie G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Walter 'Buddy' H. Stubbs Jr..



Jamie G. - December 01, 2020 at 08:50 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Buddy passing. Elsie and Buddy were so generous to share their home with us when we would come to visit Ft. Gibson. I would come with Jerra Saxton and Stuart Corley and we went on a ski trip with the church at Ft. Gibson and visited friends of theirs living there also. I will always remember staying there with fond memories. Thinking of your family at this time. Love Jamie (Bullock) Gibson I went to First Southern Baptist Church Del City at the time.

Jamie Gibson - December 01, 2020 at 08:35 AM

MB

“ Mickey Brown lit a candle in memory of Walter 'Buddy' H. Stubbs Jr.



Mickey Brown - October 01, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - September 30, 2020 at 12:34 PM

GP

“ Those were the days at Fort Gibson High School with Buddy and Don McMahan running about the countryside in the gray buick. (I think was what I remembered) Buddy was at the wheel and having a great time. We always enjoyed each others company and visiting with others. Buddy was always happy and fun to be around. Not to say we did not take a watermelon or two for a night time snack on one of the back roads. We only ate the heart of the melon. I remember one melon that was so big, we could only eat half. The other half was delivered to a house just behind Boatright's store. We rang the door bell and ran. I have not seen Buddy in many years, but warmly remember the times together. My condolences to the Stubbs family as I wish the comfort and peace. Gary M. Perryman

Gary M Perryman - September 29, 2020 at 08:35 PM

ES

*Thank you!*

**Elsie Stubbs** - September 30, 2020 at 09:11 AM

WI

*Thank you for those warm words, and memories! That sounds just like my dad!*

**Walter H. Stubbs III** - September 30, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home** - September 29, 2020 at 08:09 PM

Hank Ballard

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Hank Ballard** - September 29, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter 'Buddy' H. Stubbs Jr..*



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September 28, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ *Uncle Buddy was the only Uncle I knew closely in my life. He was kind, generous, thoughtful, and fun loving. So many memories come forward as I sit here, his 1968 metallic blue Roadrunner, what a magnificent car that was. The time he towed me home from near Tahlequah when I blew a head gasket in my old 1959 Chevy. Working with Buddy on the farm at the tree nursery, digging up the young trees and balling them in burlap, loading them on a tractor-pulled trailer and putting them in place in the store front. Loading trees and shrubs in the customer's cars. Uncle Buddy was one of the strongest men I knew, he would put us teens to shame when it came to lifting the larger trees onto the trailer and manhandling the farm equipment. I moved to Texas after graduation from college and we grew apart as distance can do. Uncle Buddy always said he was proud of me when I would infrequently visit, well, it's way past time to say I'm proud of you too Uncle Buddy, rest in peace. I'd like to say more but my eyes are getting blurry for some reason. Duke*

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**Dan Harrison** - September 28, 2020 at 08:33 PM



*He and all the family are very proud of you! -Elsie*

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**Elsie Stubbs** - September 30, 2020 at 09:24 AM

CP

“ I met Buddy at the luncheon for the class of 1958 that he attended with his wife Elsie. A happy and pleasant fellow. Always smiling. So sorry Elsie. Love you. Carolyn Parnell

carolyn Parnell - September 28, 2020 at 06:27 PM

BG

“ It was always a pleasure to see Buddy when he came in for a haircut. He was always so very nice and he will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes out to all his family and friends.  
Derek, Brenda and Chasity at  
Ft Gibson Barber shop

Brenda Gawf - September 28, 2020 at 03:06 PM

TF

“ The Ballard Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Walter 'Buddy' H. Stubbs Jr..



The Ballard Family - September 28, 2020 at 01:29 PM

TG

“ Tim and Karen Gresham purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Walter 'Buddy' H. Stubbs Jr..



Tim and Karen Gresham - September 28, 2020 at 11:40 AM