



Carl Johnston Jr.

January 5, 1949 - September 8, 2025

Carl Johnston, age 80, of Purcell passed away Monday, September 8, 2025 peacefully surrounded by family. Carl Clifton Johnston, Jr. was born January 5, 1945 in Ada, Oklahoma, to Carl and Perle Inez (O'Flannigan) Johnston. Carl graduated from Carl Albert High School. On July 10, 1971, he married the love of his life, Linda Gay Woodruff. He loved to tell everyone the story about how the couple met and as he tells it "It was love at first sight". The couple raised 3 children together and spent 54 years happily married. He began working for General Motors in 1979 until the GM plant in OKC closed in 2006. Carl was a true patriot and proudly served his country in the US Airforce for many years before retiring from the military.

Carl was a family man. His whole life was devoted to his family. He coached Sheree and never missed a game she played, and enjoyed taking Brad on fishing trips. He was amazing at planning great vacations for the family. He always made family lake trips the best, cooking breakfast for everyone and pulling the kids around on tubes. As the kids grew up and had families of their own, the grandkids were his life. He was truly the best "Papa"! He adored the grandkids and never missed an opportunity to spend time with them, and he loved watching Sawyer play baseball. He never missed a game. Carl was a collector of antique cars and looked forward to going to auctions with his lifelong friend, Donnie. He was also very close with his nephew, Mark and got a kick out of spending time with him talking all things about cars. Carl was an avid OU Sooners fan, and was a huge supporter of President Donald Trump.

He even switched political parties to support Trump. Carl loved deeply and had an incredible knack of making everyone feel like the most special person in the world. He was a fantastic husband, dad, papa, uncle and friend. Carl was deeply loved and will be truly missed.

He is preceded in death by parents, Carl and Perle Johnston; his son, Terry Graumann; and his sister, Susie Dockery.

Carl is survived by his wife, Linda Johnston of the home; his son, Brad Johnston and wife Tonya Shane of Purcell; his daughter, Sheree Vinson and husband Brock of Blanchard; his 2 sisters, Margaret Cooper of Seminole and Carolyn Hall and husband Richard of Choctaw; his 5 grandchildren, Levy Graumann and wife Abi, Ethan Graumann and wife Belice, Brylee Vinson, Sawyer Vinson and Elizabeth Johnston; his 3 great grandchildren, Xander Graumann, Ezekiel Grauman and one on the way; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Lexington First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West
Purcell, OK 73080

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lexington First Baptist Church
900 E. Broadway St.
Lexington, OK 73051