



## Curtis Claunch

January 7, 1935 - May 23, 2023

Curtis Larence Claunch, age 88 of Lexington, passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 7, 1935 in Washington, Oklahoma, the youngest of 9 children born to Jay and Donnie Claunch. He grew up working with his family, cutting broom corn, picking cotton and other farm work. Curtis met Clara Reece Lawson in Marietta where he was working. They dated for a short time, and were married three months later on July 27, 1955. They would have celebrated 68 years together this year. He was blessed with 5 children who loved him whole heartedly.

Throughout his years, his jobs included seismograph, dairy, he owned and operated a gas station, and his last job was in construction and cement. He took great pride for more than 35 years working in his garden. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and participating in his grandchildren's sporting events and live stock shows. He was a wonderful husband and father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and a true friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his parents Jay and Donnie Claunch; brothers and sisters Buford, Andy, Leonard, Lou Ellen, Viola, Susie, Hershel and Gene; son-in-law, Tim Garver and grandson, Gary (Vent) Bonner.

He is survived by his loving wife, Clara Reece Claunch; children, Vicky Clark and husband Bruce, Teresa Bonner and husband Gary, Johnny Claunch, Pam Garver and Cherie Engdahl and husband Leon; 15 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Friday, May 26, 2023, at

Memorial Assembly of God Church in Purcell. Burial will follow at the Lexington Cemetery. Viewing will be held Thursday, 12:00-7:00 PM with the family receiving guests from 5-7 PM at Wilson-Little, Purcell. [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com)

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Just heard yesterday of Mr. Claunch's passing on. Our prayers go out to your family during this time.

Steve and Melanie Wilke - June 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry about Curtis and the pain all of you are experiencing. Death bites hard but it's not the end, it's the beginning of eternity. I did not know about this until early Sat. morning. Curtis was a fine man who worked hard to provide for his big, wonderful family and he loved God. Daddy sure liked Curtis because he was such a good employee. Precious to me are all the memories of our families attending church together at the FWB, Church of the Living Word and AOG. May God give you added strength as you walk through the valley, because you will walk through it. All the love Curtis had for you will get you out of the shadow. I love you all very much.

Karen and Jerrald Masterson - June 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Clara Reese kept Chance since he was a baby and not long after Cole came along, Curtis retired and Cole was the only one left. They both treated Cole like he was one of their own grandkids. I couldn't have asked for anyone better to keep my boys while I worked. They treated us all like family. My boys and I were SO blessed by them. I know he will be sorely missed by his family.

Marianne Kennedy - May 25, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Loved your whole family my whole life and still do. Curt was always a gentle soul and I bet he and daddy are already out fishing on his lake! Much love to you, Clara Reece, Vickie, Teresa, Johnny, Pam and Cherie! ❤️ Will remember you in prayers!

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**Donna Newell Milligan** - May 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our prayers are with all of you. Curt was like a bonus Grandfather to our 4 kids! We love Clara Reece (who helped us raise our kids) and you all! ❤️❤️

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**Bonita and Steve Brakefield** - May 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Sending love and condolences to the Claunch girls and Johnny and sweet Clara Reece. I enjoyed the short time we lived near each other as children. I'm sorry that I am out of town and won't be able to attend his service. I know he will be missed. ❤️🙏

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**Teresa Johnson Bacon** - May 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM