



## Ira Richard Perry

November 4, 1961 - December 6, 2022

Ira Richard Perry, age 61 of Wayne, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Ira was born November 4, 1961 in Purcell, OK, the baby of 5 children born to Jessie Blalock Perry and Lenora Lenita (Stevenson) Perry. He was raised in Wayne and attended school there, graduating with the Bulldog Class of 1981. Ira then attended Murray State College in Tishomingo. His first job was at a Texaco station in Purcell, and he also worked as a delivery driver for a food service company. He then found a job with the State of Oklahoma, at the Department of Forestry, and Ira loved his job. He worked for nearly 20 years before medically retiring in 2007. Ira loved living in Wayne, was a huge supporter of Wayne Schools and especially the AG and FFA. He helped many students throughout the years cover cost with their show animals. In 2010, the Wayne Fire Department recognized him as Captain Ira Perry for 22 years of service and support provided to the community. He was a country boy at heart, a kind and generous soul, who enjoyed fishing and hunting, and an occasional game of poker. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Jessie and Lenora Perry; Sister Lenita Sims and Pearl Ann Rowell; sister-in-law Lea Ann Perry, and nephews Shawn Perry and Perry Michael Sims.

Ira is survived by: his brother, Wilfred "Hank" Perry of Lexington; sister Evelyn Marie Fore of Lawton; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside Funeral Services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Monday, December 12, 2022, at Hopping Cemetery in Wayne. [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ It has been our pleasure to know Ira since his FFA days. He was an outstanding Vocational Agriculture student who Gary very much enjoyed. It was an honor to maintain a professional relationship with Ira thru the years and have a solid friendship with the man we loved and admired. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Gary & Barb Ross

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**Gary and Barbara Ross** - December 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of growing up next door to the Perry's and thinking of them as my own extended family. Ira was a great man who always had a great heart for family, friend, and community. He will be greatly missed.

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**Stacy "Webster" Malone** - December 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ira was a very close friend of 55 years. We talked nearly everyday. I will greatly miss those conversations. He had a very kind heart and a wonderful personality.  
I will miss my friend. RIP.

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**Ray Ring** - December 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I met him through the fire department. He was a really nice guy.

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**Shane Jordan** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ RIP

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**Jeff and Michelle Pounds** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As good a man as there ever was. Ira was a good friend and poker buddy. We'll miss his friendly face. Rest in Peace I.P.* ”

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**Mike Wilson** - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM