



James Donald 'Jim/ J.D.' Hodges

September 18, 1936 - December 13, 2013

James Donald Hodges, (Jim, J.D.), age 77 of Purcell, passed away peacefully at his home, Friday, December 13, 2013. He was born on September 18, 1936 in Maud, Oklahoma. He was one of two sons born to Orville Howard Hodges and Vesta Lee (McCraw) Hodges. James grew up a country boy living on a farm near Maud and Konawa. He attended Maud High School and graduated with the class of 1955. He later joined the U. S. Army and proudly served his country four years active duty and seven years in the Reserves. On July 2, 1960 in Kimball, Nebraska he married the love of his life, Beverly Ann Kleven. Together they raised four daughters, Becky, Linda, Jan and Julie. For 10 years James worked in the oil field and for various oil field companies. They lived in Woodward, Midwest City, Duncan and Seminole before moving back to his family farm near Konawa in 1967. In 1970 he went to work for OG&E and for 18 years built substations all over the state. His last 6 years with the company, he worked as a Planner Analyst before retiring in 1994. After he retired from OG&E he worked 7 years as a Deputy Sheriff and 2 years as Under Sheriff for the Pottawatomie Co. Sheriff Dept. retiring a second time in 2003 for health reasons. That same year they moved away from the family farm and moved to Purcell to be close to family. Throughout his life, Jim loved being outdoors and working with his hands. He loved his jobs and he loved working on the farm raising his cattle. While living near Konawa he was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In his later years, Jim enjoyed listening to sports, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. Jim served as

a board member for the Asher Public Schools for many years, and loved serving and donating his time at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa. He was preceded in death by: Parents: Orville and Vesta Hodges, An infant brother: Howard Hodges, A great granddaughter: Hannah Wofford. He is survived by: Wife: Beverly Hodges of the home in Purcell, 4 daughters: Becky Isaacs and husband Keith of Ada, Linda Riddle of Henryetta, Jan Dye and husband Bryan of Purcell, Julie Goodnight and husband Mick of Shawnee, 13 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, And a host of other relatives and friends. A Rosary will be held 7:00 P.M. Monday, December 16, 2013 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell. A Funeral Mass will be 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa, OK. Interment will be at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building fund @ 47943 Abbey Rd, Konawa, OK 74849, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Building Fund @ 316 W Jefferson, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 or OKLAHOMA MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION @ 825 N.E. 13th, Oklahoma City, OK 73104