



## Jimmy Ray Hurst

December 27, 1940 - April 8, 2026

Jimmy Hurst, age 85 of Purcell, passed away at his home on April 8, 2026. Jimmy Ray Hurst was born on December 27, 1940, in Pauls Valley, OK, to Charles Ray Hurst and Helen Sylvia Hurst (Thrasher). He grew up in the Paoli area and graduated with the Pugs class of 1959.

The summer before he began college, Jimmy met a young lady named Linda McGowan in Beaver, OK, while he was working as a welder's helper for his uncle.

They later reconnected while attending classes at Oklahoma State University and fell in love. Jimmy graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1963 and was commissioned into the US Army as a Second Lieutenant. He married Linda on June 16, 1963, and the newlyweds made their home in Williamsburg, VA, while he completed basic training at Fort Eustis. After completing his training, Jimmy was stationed in Germany for the remainder of his military service. The young family then returned to Oklahoma, settling in Purcell which they have called home ever since.

Jimmy built a career in chemical sales, and he retired as a sales manager for Lonza USA, Inc. When not at work, Jimmy enjoyed fishing and golfing, and above all spending time with his family. He will be remembered for cheering on the Pokes, taking pride in his lawn and pool, and supporting his grandkids in all their endeavors. He was a beloved husband, father, and Papa who will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Helen Hurst, and

his brother, Larry Hurst.

He is survived by his wife Linda Hurst of the home, daughter Jennifer Kozik of Purcell, and son Jeffrey Hurst and wife Karla Mitchell of San Antonio, TX, as well as grandchildren Tiffany Hurst, Raychel McCormick and husband Aidan, Patrick Kozik, Kamee McEwen and husband Grant, and great granddaughter Raellyn McEwen.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Wilson-Little Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Paoli Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Paoli Cemetery

12329 Indian Meridian Ave  
Paoli, OK 73074

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 14. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson-Little ~ Purcell  
127 S. Canadian  
Purcell, OK 73080  
(405) 527-6543

*Tuesday, April 14th 9-7*

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Little's Chapel  
127 S. Canadian  
Purcell, OK 73080  
<http://www.wilsonlittle.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Deb and I truly enjoyed our time with Jimmy at Trinity United Methodist Church, especially sharing the ups and downs of our beloved OSU cowboys.*  
*Harry and Deb Wollenberg*

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**Harry Wollenberg** - April 11 at 12:19 PM