



## Sammie James Orr

March 15, 1947 - June 22, 2024

Sammie James Orr, age 77 of Wayne, OK, passed away Saturday June 22, 2024. Born March 15, 1947 in Wynnewood, OK, he was the oldest of four children born to S. J. Orr and Opal Vernell (Lowry) Orr. At an early age, his family moved to Big Piney, Wyoming where he attended school, graduating with the Class of 1965. Sammie answered the call in service to his country and joined the United States Army. He was a member of the 101st Airborne Division and served his country proudly in Vietnam. Once out of the service, he returned to Big Piney. By chance, he met a young lady named Kathryn Elizabeth Allen. She was new to the area, and moved there to teach. They were the perfect couple, and the rest as they say is history. On January 24, 1969, they were married in Denver, Colorado, and a little over a year later they welcomed their only son, Matt. Sammie worked in Oil & Gas in a career that spanned decades and in 1975 followed his job and moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma. Sam and Kathy made their home in Chickasha for 12 years, Sam working for ExxonMobil and Kathy running a real estate business. In 1987 Sam's job moved to Ada, Oklahoma, and the family followed. After Matt left home, Sam and Kathy moved on to Edmond, Oklahoma, and Rifle, Colorado, before settling near Wayne, Oklahoma in recent years. He retired as Safety Coordinator for ExxonMobil after thirty years of dedicated service. Away from work, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He loved motorcycles and truly believed every day was a good day for a round of golf. Later in life Sam and Matt became certified sailing captains and love to sail around the British

Virgin Islands. He cherished Kathryn and lived each day for his family. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: parents, S. J. and Opal Orr and brother-in-law Raymond Stalkup.

Sammie is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kathryn Orr of the home; son Matt Orr and wife Monica of Goldsby, sister Amie Stalkup of Casper, Wyoming, brothers: Charles Orr and wife SuzAnn of Sandy, Utah, and Jay Lynn Orr and wife Shellie of Vernal, Utah. His pride and joy, grandchildren: Kailee Orr and fiancé Tanner Madden of Washington, Chaz Orr and wife Jamie of Tulsa, and Devin Orr of Norman, and a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family would love for you to make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of Sam.

[https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043&ovr\\_acv\\_id=4320](https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043&ovr_acv_id=4320)

A Celebration of Life Memorial is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Little's Chapel. [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Kathy I just found out about Sam's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss. I missed Sams birthday wish this year and started trying to contact him to see if everything was OK and just discovered today. Sam and I become very good friends as we worked together for Mark IV and I really missed him when he left Mark IV and went to work for Exxon-Mobile. He always sent me a Happy Birthday on May 5 th each year  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Tom Rhodarmer

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**Tom Rhodarmer** - May 25, 2025 at 05:11 PM

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“ Kathy Matt and all other family of Sammie Orr  
I am sorry for your loss  
Lea Ann Lowry

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**Lea Lowry** - August 18, 2024 at 06:04 PM

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“ Kathy, I am so very sorry to hear of Sammie's passing. He was definitely a bright spot for me in my time in the oil patch and could always put a smile on my face. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Olyнна

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**Olyнна Pierson** - August 01, 2024 at 10:30 PM

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“ Kathy, Our sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved husband, Sammie.

*We are forever grateful just knowing Sam as a friend, mentor and man of many, many adventures. Which he loved to share with family, friends and co-workers.*

*Despite the pain of loss you, your children and family members are experiencing, we hope that in time you all will reflect on the wonderful marriage, many years of happiness and fun memories made by each of you with our friend, Sam. His big heart and personality were truly contagious! It was an honor just to know him. We will miss him dearly for all he did and the legacy he created. Thank you for sharing him with us.*

*"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and unspeakable love." Washington Irving*

*James "Jim" Peterson and Sandra Leyva  
07.18.2024*

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**Peterson - Leyva** - July 18, 2024 at 02:28 PM

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“ Kathy, this is heartbreaking news. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family.

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**Linda Marincic** - June 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM