



## Ted Idleman

July 16, 1940 - October 8, 2024

Ted Idleman, age 84 of Wayne, passed away Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Ted was born July 16, 1940 at his parent's farm in the Bryant Community, the 11th child of Carrie Mae (Hawkins) Idleman and Lester Ray Idleman. At the early age of 7, he moved with his mother and sister Fannie to Wayne, after his father's sudden passing. Ted graduated from Wayne High School with the Bulldog Class of 1958. He married his high school sweetheart Jo Tippit, on June 10, 1960 in Wayne. Together they raised two daughters, Kim and Sheila. They lived in three different houses, all on HWY 59 in their 64 years of marriage. Ted stayed busy, and had many jobs throughout the years, and he often said that he "had a job from the time he was 10 years old". He worked as a walking mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Purcell and as an auctioneer for more than 40 years. Ted was a familiar face at several area school AG Bonus Auctions, and he loved giving of his time. His heart was always back home on the farm, and tending to his cattle was his favorite. Ted genuinely loved people. He was a tad bit onery, and always had a smile. He cherished Jo and his girls, and especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed camping and lake trips, and later RV trips with good friends, Gary and Linda Couch. He was a man of great faith, and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Purcell, where he served as Deacon. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Les and Carrie Mae Idleman;

sisters, Mattie Bele Mullins, Marie Crabtree and Lena Vaughn and his brothers, Albert, Frank, Rudy, Lloyd, Ray and Tom.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Jo Idleman; Daughters, Kimila Bates and husband Jim of Washington and Sheila Shofner and husband Mark of Wayne; 5 grandchildren, Ashley, Kynsey, Cody, Katie and Shelby; 12 great grandchildren, Delayney, Dallas, Gavin, Easton, Korbyn, Grayson, Kamry, Jentri, Corbin, Jay, Parker and Everly; sister, Fannie Lou Green and sister-in-law, Jane Wilbanks of Purcell; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M., October 12, 2024 at Purcell First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West  
Purcell, OK 73080

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Purcell First Baptist Church  
400 West Main Street  
Purcell, OK 73080

*Viewing will be held Friday October 11th, from 9-7, the family will receive guests from 5-7*

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned today of Ted's passing. Dave and I are sending our condolences to Jo and her family. We are saddened to hear this unfortunte news. May you fest in peace Ted. David and Sharon (Foster) Balzer. Dallas, Oregon.

Sharon (Foster) Balzer - February 26, 2025 at 02:42 AM

DA

“ Sympathies for Ted's family

Deborah Allison - October 11, 2024 at 07:57 PM

AB

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of our sweet neighbor. Prayers for Jo and the family for peace and comfort during this difficult time 🙏

Arlen and Bonnie Bittle - October 11, 2024 at 11:23 AM