



William Richard "Sonny" Ward

January 13, 1938 - April 11, 2025

Sonny Ward, 87 of Purcell passed away on April 11, 2025. Sonny was born on January 13, 1938 in Purcell, Ok to Gaylord and Gladys Ward. In 1953, he caught the eye of a young lady named Carolyn Ruth when he was working for Carolyn's dad in the broom corn patch. They quickly fell in love and were married on February 3, 1956. Together they raised two sons, Scott and Grant. Sonny grew up and attended school in Purcell graduating with the Dragon Class of 1956. Sonny worked for General Telephone Company for over 30 years. He began as a line man, installer/repairman, and ended his career in the Engineering Department. His farming and ranching career started in the late 60's and continued the rest of his life. Sonny enjoyed spending his free time with his racehorses and cattle. He loved his family and friends. When not working he enjoyed spending time having morning talks in the coffee shop. He was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church.

He was a beloved Dad and Papa to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Gaylord and Gladys (Harper) Ward; His beloved wife, Carolyn Ward; and his sisters, Betty Cavnar and Bobbie Sue Powell.

Sonny is survived by his sons, Scott Ward and wife Pam of Oklahoma City, and Grant Ward and wife Lisa of Byars; his sister Sallie Kennedy of Norman; his sisters-in-law, Arlene Kennedy of Maysville, and JoAnn Huddleston of Dibble; His grandchildren, Amanda Hogue and husband Brad of Norman,

Richard Ward of Purcell, Michelle Barnes and husband Brad of Okc, and Jeri Muncie and husband Ty of Las Vegas; 13 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:30 pm Friday, April 18, 2025 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Union Hill Baptist Church, 20441 Bryant Ave. Purcell, Ok 73080.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West
Purcell, OK 73080

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 18. 2:30 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sonny was "Grandpa" to us. Always willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed. A great neighbor and friend. We always loved caring for his mares while they were bred and foaled at Maui Farms. We didn't know he had passed away until after his service, otherwise we would have attended. Rest in my our dear friend.*

JD & Marcy Blanton - April 26, 2025 at 11:25 PM

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“ *I probably would not have lasted in oklahoma. With out Sonny"s help on my farm I'm sure I would have run back to California. One of the smartest and kindest men I have ever known. I thank the good Lord for his friendship!!!*

Wayne Toomoth - April 15, 2025 at 07:14 PM