



## Willard Berry Mantooth

December 12, 1939 - January 15, 2024

Willard Mantooth, age 84, of Wayne passed away unexpectedly on January 15, 2024. Willard Berry Mantooth was born on December 12, 1939 in Purcell, Oklahoma, the oldest of four children born to Willard Lee Mantooth and Mozelle Gertrude (Garrison) Mantooth. He attended Purcell Public Schools and graduated with the Dragon Class of 1958. Shortly after graduating high school, he joined his dad running heavy equipment, where they worked side by side for several years. In the mid 1960's, Willard bravely answered the call to serve his country. He joined the United States Army where he served his country honorably and faithfully. When he returned, it was fate that he was introduced to a young woman named, Rena Louise Blackwood. As the story goes, she was a waitress at a restaurant that he was eating at, and he couldn't leave without asking her out on a date. The two quickly fell in love and were married on December 5, 1970. The couple shared 53 wonderful years of marriage together. Willard was a man of many talents, and he was always venturing into new career opportunities. In addition to construction, he also drove a truck across the country for several years before eventually retiring in 2007. Willard was very independent, driven, and motivated. When he wasn't working, he loved attending auctions. Whether it was for cars, trucks, heavy equipment, or just about anything, he was there! It's been said that, "He never met an auction he didn't like". More than anything, Willard was a family man. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He truly cherished every moment with them. Willard was a beloved husband, father,

grandfather, uncle, and a true friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Willard and Mozelle Mantooth; sisters, Brenda Mantooth and Carolyn Wall; brother, Jerry Mantooth; niece, Michelle Mantooth; nephews, Shane Spencer and Brian Wall.

Willard is survived by: his loving wife, Rena Mantooth of the home; sons, Berry Mantooth and wife Tanya of Wayne, and Chad Mantooth of Purcell; 5 grandchildren, Caitlin, Joseph, Justin, Ashley, and Katie; nieces, Kim Cline and husband Aaron of Norman, Teresa Piazza of Wayne, Adrienne Wall of Purcell, Denise Nash of Noble; nephew, Shawn Spencer of Wayne, and a host of other family and friends.

The family will receive guests and relatives for a visitation from 5-7 P.M., Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 19, 2024 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Purcell, Oklahoma. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery. [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to Chad and all of the family. I did not know Mr. Willard Mantooth but I care about the loss of my cousin, Jeannine, her Husband Chad and family.*

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**Jeanette Menaker** - January 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM