



Gary Don Orrell

April 22, 1944 - January 30, 2023

Gary Orrell, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, went to be with the Lord at the age of 78. Throughout his life, Gary was known for his hard-working nature, intelligence, and unwavering dedication to his family and friends. Born in 1944, Gary began his career as a corporate executive and quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a well-respected and successful business leader. Despite his demanding job, Gary never lost his love for the land and his passion for cattle ranching. In his free time, he tended to his herd, honing his skills and building a successful part-time cattle operation. Gary decided to follow his heart and pursue cattle ranching full-time. He retired from his corporate position and devoted himself completely to his ranching business, where he became known as one of the best cattle ranchers in the area. Aside from his professional life, Gary was a deeply religious man and a dedicated member of the Cowboy Church in Apache, OK. He was known for his musical talent and was a talented drummer, often performing at church events and bringing joy to those around him. Gary and his wife, Glenda, also shared a love of country and western dancing. They enjoyed hitting the dance floor on the weekends and were known for their graceful moves and infectious energy. Gary will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, dedication, love, faith, and joy that will continue to inspire others for years to come. May he rest in peace. Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Cleo and Trecia Orrell and brother, Jackie Orrell. Gary is survived by his wife, Glenda, son Lynn and his

wife Shellie, daughter Cheri and her husband Bob, and daughter Christy, 6 grandchildren: Ambrin and Ansley Orrell, Brayden Burton, Rylee and Ryan Green, and Charlee Baker; 2 great grandchildren: Baker and Beckham Burton. Funeral service will be held on Monday, February 6th, 2023, at 1:30 PM at Cowboy Church, 15513 US-62 Apache, OK 73006. Burial to follow at Fort Cobb cemetery. Funeral services are under the direction of Fort Cobb Funeral Home. As per Gary's wishes, there will be no visitation at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

PH

“ I just now (4-13-2023) learned of Gary's passing. Gary and I met as freshmen attending Cameron JR College in Lawton, Oklahoma. We keep in touch over the years and our families visited many times while we lived in OKC. Then we kept in touch via phone. Gary always called on my birthday. Two weeks ago, I mailed him a photograph of his son Lynn. I had found it in some old photos we had. Gary was a very good man and wonderful long distance friend. I have tears now and prayers for his family! Perry Haynes

Perry Haynes - April 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I worked at Chickasha Laundry until 2020, and Mr. sorrel was by far my favorite customer! I looked forward to visiting with him (and discussing politics) every week for the 5 years I was there. I'm so sorry for the family's loss, he was an incredible human and must be terribly missed.

Leslie Latham - February 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Gary, I'm extra glad we happened to meet up in Edmond last month. It was good catching up with you and trading a few laughs. Perhaps St. Peter has asked you to help out somewhere that needs a bit more organization. Whatever that may be, I'm sure they're happy you're in the mix and involved. Goodbye my friend.

David Logan - February 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Bea Reid, Oklahoma City lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Orrell*



Bea Reid, Oklahoma City - February 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *My prayers for you in your loss. A Thank you Glenda, for being so wonderful to my mother Evelyn Aldridge, and for the flowers on her grave.*

Bea Reid, Oklahoma City - February 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find strength from our Lord and from your memories of Gary which will always be deep in your heart.*

Warren and Joann John, Echo John Blanton - February 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Lynn & Family - Sending you much love and prayers of hope and sympathy at this time. I was lucky enough to work for your dad and personally saw his business savvy and heart for those he worked with. Honored to know you and see the same 'heart and mind' in everything you do.*



*Much love to you all -
Lori Garcia & family*

lori garcia - February 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Gary was a gentleman with a smile on his face every time I saw him about town. He was a Christian and a role model in life. I knew several who asked for his advice about business, trusting and knowing it would be sound and professional. I hope his wife and family will find comfort that so many cared about him, care about them.

Ronda (Weber) Weaver - February 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I was privileged to work for Gary at Hertz. He was a great boss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Don Cotner - February 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ I remember when dating your step daughter, Christy. I would visit her & Christy's mom & you would always take us out for dinner. Always great laughs & great food!

Rip, Sir 🙏



Wallb - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Glenda, Lynn - I have so many great memories working along side Gary during all our years at Hertz. Not only was he a great businessman to be respected, he was a family man. Favorite discussions was of his family and ranch life. The love and pride he showed for his family and his love of God was immeasurable. Thoughts and prayers go with you and your family.
Joann John

Joann John - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Glenda, I thank the Lord that you and Gary have been friends for many years. I am praying you experience the peace and comfort of Holy Spirit, that your faith will be strong to claim His promises and we will look forward to the great reunion with Gary and our Savior.

G D Hardy - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Love and Prayers!!!



Bill Reedy - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ My best memory is didn't matter where we was he would always speak to you I love visiting with him he was a great man he will be missed and lam so sorry for yall loss

Kevin Clary - February 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Glenda - we are so very sorry to hear this news. Jerry and I worked with Gary at Hertz for many years and had so much respect for him as a customer and leader and also considered him a friend. Prayers for you and your family. - Julie & Jerry Williams

Julie Williams - February 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I met Mr Orell over 15 years ago when I bought the Kardocus Home down On the Corner From Him. My Sincerest Condolences to His Wife and Family. Gary loved His Cattle and The Country Life. A few years back When I needed assistance with The Well I Shared from his Property, He stepped up and had it fixed before I could get someone out. I Thanked him for Helping and I Appreciated it So Much. Thank you to His Family for Sharing Him with So Many and All Of Us Country Living People. May God Put His Arms Around Each One of You with Comfort and Peace that Surpasses All Understanding. 🙏

Twanna Boardingham - February 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My prayers are with you all! I will miss seeing him everyday! Much love to you all.

Dana Niece Montgomery - February 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family in this difficult time. The thing I will always remember most about Gary was his love of God and family.

Thea Sholedice

Thea Sholedice - February 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time. I too had the distinct pleasure of working with and for Gary at Hertz for many years. All my memories are of a kind and happy man who enjoyed talking about home back in Ft. Cobb. Even if it was for a few minutes to escape a hectic day in the office. He will be greatly missed. - Mark Doan*



Mark Doan - February 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Orell family is in my prayers. Barbara Dyer Jones*



Barbara Dyer Joes - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Juli Hall lit a candle in memory of Gary Don Orrell*



Juli Hall - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM