



Ralph William Myers

September 5, 1946 - March 14, 2025

Ralph William Myers, lovingly known as Papa Ralph and Pa by his family, was born on September 5, 1946, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, to J.F. Myers and Lucile Irene (Hardesty) Myers. He was called to his heavenly home on March 14, 2025, in Anadarko at the age of 78.

A lifelong resident of Anadarko, Ralph was a proud graduate of the Anadarko High School Class of 1964.

His career began at Safeway Grocery, where he started as a bagger during his senior year of high school. It was there that he cleverly procured the phone number of a beautiful young lady, Arvella Crowell, from the check her mother wrote to purchase groceries. That fateful moment led to a lifetime of love. On May 17, 1968, Ralph married Arvella, and together they welcomed two children, Jamie and Justin. They shared 33 wonderful years of marriage before Arvella's passing in December 2001.

Through hard work and dedication, Ralph worked his way up to produce manager at Safeway Grocery. After twenty years, ten months, and ten days in the grocery business, he retired to become a full-time cattle farmer and rancher. This allowed him to work the land that had been in the Myers family for three generations and provided opportunities to work alongside his parents, wife, son, and grandson while expanding his ranching operations.

In 1979, Ralph founded Myers DewEze, a farm equipment business that flourished under his leadership for over 43 years. His dedication to the DewEze brand, passion for farming, and gift for talking all things farm-related made him the company's top salesman for more than twenty-five years.

Ralph had a servant's heart. He honorably served in the United States National Guard from 1966 to 1974 and dedicated his time and leadership to various boards in his community, including the South Caddo Conservation District Board, the Caddo County Excise Board, and the Anadarko Bank and Trust Board. If he heard about a child in need—whether for a backpack, school supplies, clothing, or Book Fair money—he always had a little extra to give.

On November 30, 2004, Ralph married a longtime friend, Carolyn Baker Miller. Together, they shared twenty happy years. Carolyn was by his side when he peacefully left this earthly life. Ralph considered Tommy, Donnie, and Sharla his bonus kids, embracing them as his own.

Above all, Ralph's greatest joy was his family. His world revolved around his children and grandchildren, and he treasured every moment with them. He loved teaching them about the land, farm equipment, and cattle. Leisurely drives through the pasture to gaze at his cows and calves always brought a smile to his face. He had a deep passion for land conservation, quality black cattle, and paint horses. A good rodeo and the cowboy way of life were also close to his heart.

Ralph was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. With a heart of gold, he leaves behind a legacy of determination, hard work, and love. The void left by his passing can never be filled, but his memory will live on through his family and all who knew him.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Myers of Anadarko; his children, Justin Myers and wife Kim of Anadarko and Jamie (Myers) Johnson and husband Mark of Oklahoma City; and his bonus children, Tommy Miller and wife AJ of Anadarko, Donnie Miller and wife Teresa of Cyril, and Sharla Sanders and husband Derek of Blanchard.

He was a proud grandfather to Matthew Johnson, Luke Johnson, Levi Myers and wife Jesse, and Josey Myers and fiancé EJ Sorrels, and a great-grandfather to Jace Walker “JW” Myers. He also leaves behind twelve bonus grandchildren, twenty-two bonus great-grandchildren, and his beloved pet companion, Rocky, along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

Ralph was welcomed into heaven by his parents, J.F. and Lucile Myers; his first wife, Arvella Myers; his sister, Mary Ruth McCathern; his brother-in-law, Glen McCathern; and his niece, Glenda McCathern.

Visitation

Smith Funeral Home Chapel

Sunday, March 16, 2025 | 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Monday, March 17, 2025 | 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Funeral Service

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | 2:00 P.M.

Bethel Baptist Church, Anadarko, Oklahoma

Burial to follow at Memory Lane Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Ralph's name to the American Heart Association, Bethel Baptist Church's Backpacks for Kids

program, or another organization of your choice.

Services are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Cemetery

2324 S Mission St
Anandarko, OK 73005

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Smith Funeral Home
301 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Anadarko, OK 73005
(405) 247-3701
<https://www.smithfuneralservices.com/>

Visitation

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Smith Funeral Home
301 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Anadarko, OK 73005
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Funeral

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church
501 W Florida
Andarko, OK 73005

Tribute Wall

JU

“ I remember Ralph as a loving and caring brother and brother n law to my Uncle Glen and his Sister Aunt Mary. When I was around Ralph he was always kind and gracious to me. I want to thank him for loving my brother, Don, and my nephew Shane as his own family. They worked for Ralph for many years and there was nothing but kind words about him. I am so very sorry for your loss and he will be remembered with so many memories of him. I am sending love, prayers and comfort in the days ahead. God Bless You All!
Joanie Underkoffler

Joanie Underkoffler - March 17, 2025 at 03:05 PM

RS

“ Prayers for the family.



Randall & Kristie Subieta - March 17, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JG

“ Prayers for the family.



Judy Gibson - March 16, 2025 at 01:39 PM

MJ

“ *It was a pleasure to work with and know you my friend and my prayers are with your family's God bless them with comfort Amen* ”



Marion Toehay Jr - March 15, 2025 at 03:26 PM

BR

“ *Love and Prayers!!!* ”

Bill Reedy - March 15, 2025 at 02:04 AM