



Bennie Bree Van Vacter Jr.

February 28, 1931 - May 4, 2023

Bennie Bree Van Vacter, Jr., 92, passed away in Elk City, Oklahoma on May 4, 2023. Bennie was born in Hobart, OK on February 28th, 1931 to Bennie Bree Van Vacter and Ella Perkins Van Vacter. Bennie lived his early years on the Van Vacter family ranch south of Carter, Oklahoma on the North Fork of the Red River. He graduated from Carter High School in 1949 and subsequently married Jimmie Grace Hatter of Willow, OK on August 28th, 1949. To this union two children were born, Bennie Bree Van Vacter, III and Veronica Victoria Van Vacter. Bennie attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Oklahoma State University where he earned 2 degrees: a Bachelor of Arts from OBU in 1960 and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from OSU in 1963. Shortly after graduation from OSU Bennie lived in Wichita, KS where Bennie worked for the Federal Land Bank. In the mid to late 1960s Bennie moved back to western Oklahoma where he managed the family ranch and owned a heavy equipment business. He built ponds, terraces and cleared land with his bulldozers for many local farmers and ranchers. It was during this time he became a notable breeder of registered Herefords and specialized in raising and selling many fine Hereford bulls. Bennie's first love was always farming and ranching. He loved the outdoors and possessed a great deal of expertise in raising cattle and horses. He was honest, trustworthy, and always tried to lend a helping hand if he could. He found great pleasure in the simple things of life and was always seeking to share his boundless knowledge with family and friends. He also loved to travel and see new sights. His favorite pastime

on the ranch was quail hunting with friends and family members and drinking ice cold Dr. Peppers. The most important aspect of Bennie's life was his relationship with Jesus Christ. While he attended OBU he preached for three years at New Hope Baptist Church in Tecumseh, OK. Therefore, Bennie's friends and family members who are in Christ will see Bennie again. There is sorrow in the loss of a loved one, but the Apostle Paul said, "We do not grieve as others who have no hope" because Christ has given all believers eternal life. Bennie was always hoping others would accept Christ as their personal Savior. He would often say, "People will live forever in one of two places. People need to know that." He wanted everyone to be certain as to where they would spend eternity.

Bennie was preceded in death by his mother and father; by two sisters, Betty Jo Dyer and Naomi Hanni; and by other half brothers and sisters. He is survived by his son, Rev. Dr. Bennie Bree Van Vacter, III and wife, Elizabeth Jean of Mustang, Oklahoma; his daughter, Veronica Hill of Elk City, Oklahoma; by grandchildren Houston Hill, Wyatt and Jessica Hill, Cameron and Corey Wenneker, parents of Henry and Jonah, Karel and Danny Bobo, parents of Cole and Cally, Kasey Kraybill; numerous nephews and nieces, and a faithful family friend, Darrell Wootton.

Memorials can be sent to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 8 Julian Bivins Ave., Boys Ranch, TX, 79010.

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“ I remember hearing your father preach in a revival in Chickasha, Oklahoma. This is Shawn Elmore from the Drama School at OU. Please text or call me @ 816-543-7159. I worked for UPS for almost 25 years and taught Middle School Language Arts in Moore Public Schools. I retired in 2014 to Kansas City, Mo. Does your family still own your father's ranchland?

Shawn Elmore - April 01, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ Bennie Bree Van Vacter Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM

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I never knew about Ben senior his life padt etc, but I know his Son Ben Van Vactor the 3rd. And I know that this man made a definate impact and legecy to his son who preached 5 times that amount in Oklahoma and the towns there. This family is totally Blessed.

Kevin W. Dobbs - September 20, 2025 at 04:06 PM



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