



## Byron Allen Hetherington

March 22, 1941 - November 7, 2025

Byron Allen “Sonny” Hetherington, passed on November 7, 2025, at the age of 84, surrounded by his family. Born March 22, 1941, to Lonzo Hetherington and Helen (Dacus) Hetherington, in Hobart, Oklahoma. Weighing only two pounds at birth, his parents drove him to St. Anthony’s Hospital in Oklahoma City nestled in a shoebox with a heated brick. He graduated from Hobart High School in 1959. In 1962, married his high school sweetheart, Gloria Bish. The following year, Sonny earned a degree in Business Education from Southwestern State College before joining the Air Force. His service took him to Laredo, Texas, and later Chicago, Illinois, where he worked as a Recruiter. Sonny and Gloria welcomed their daughter Michelle in 1967, and their son Marc in 1970. After his military service, Sonny returned to Hobart to manage Duty Packers, the family business. Through legislation, Sonny helped Oklahoma small meat packing plants by securing funds for state meat inspection. He worked with the Oklahoma State University Animal Science department to create a new meat lab that helps small food industry businesses develop and improve their products. In 1989, Sonny and Gloria founded Hetherington Specialties, packaging cheese and crafting specialty sausages. He concluded his career as an Oklahoma State Meat Inspector. Sonny’s grandfather and role model picked him up on Sundays to take him to Sunday school and church. This foundation made Sonny disciplined in his faith. Sonny spent his mornings reading the Bible and drinking coffee at the kitchen table. Sonny was passionate, caring deeply for his faith, family, and

Oklahoma State Cowboys. Sonny loved cheering on the Cowboys, holding football season tickets since the 1970s, creating memories and family traditions that last to this day. Sonny's encouraging nature shined through his words when speaking about his family, often using phrases like "wonderful," "amazing," and "the very best!". As a history buff, Sonny shared favorite historical facts with his family as they traveled across all 50 states. He enjoyed water skiing and vacationing at many Oklahoma lakes. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Bish Hetherington, children Michelle (Ron) Martin, Marc (Tamara) Hetherington, his grandchildren Kelcey (Daniel) Jordan, Savannah (Anthony) Molinar, Krystin (Ryan) Turney, Dylan Hetherington, Ryan (Lexie) Hetherington, his great-grandchildren Liam and Chase Turney, Henry Jordan, and many more loving family members. Sonny was preceded in death by his parents Lonzo Hetherington, Helen Hetherington Duty, his stepfather Alvin Duty, grandparents Byron and Evelyn Dacus, Alonzo and Buna Hetherington. Public viewing will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, 11:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Duncan, OK. Located at 1705 W. Beech.

Services are scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 2025, 12:30 P.M., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Duncan, OK.

Graveside committal will follow at Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, OK, at 4:30 P.M., with the United States Airforce Honor Guard performing graveside rites. Memorials in Sonny's name may be made to St. Paul's UMC in Duncan, OK or First Christian Church, Hobart, OK.

Online condolences for Sonny can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativfuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

People's Funeral Home  
1400 W. Main  
P.O. Box 146  
Lone Wolf, OK 73655  
pcfh@sbcglobal.net  
<http://peoplescooperatifuneralhome.com>

## Viewing

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
1705 W. Beech  
Duncan, OK

## Service

NOV **15**. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
1705 W. Beech  
Duncan, OK

## Graveside Committal

NOV **15**. 4:30 PM (CT)

Hobart Rose Cemetery  
Hobart, OK 73651



# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the privilege helping Sonny and Gloria find their home in Duncan. So many fond memories. Guy and I enjoyed going to the OSU football games together. We have a special place in our heart for their sweet family. Sonny will be missed 🙏❤️

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**Guy and Marcia Harlow** - November 11, 2025 at 10:15 PM

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“ Gloria, I am so sorry about Sonny. My love to you and your family. I loved working with Sonny at the bean dinner. He was a treasure and always so delightful to be with! I will always remember how kind he was. Hugs to you, Kathy & Terry Snider

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**Kathy Snider** - November 11, 2025 at 12:50 PM