



Carl Arnold Ellis

February 11, 1952 - April 26, 2026

Carl Ellis passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2026, after a brief illness. Born to Mose and Adele (Quinn) Ellis on February 11, 1952, in Mangum, Oklahoma, Carl was the ninth of ten children. He was lovingly nicknamed “Charlie” by his siblings. He grew up on a ranch south of Reed, Oklahoma. Carl attended school in Vinson and later in Hollis after the Vinson schools closed. He was an exceptional baseball player and could pick up almost any sport he tried. During his senior year, he met and fell in love with Brenda Hart while making the drag on Louis Tittle in Mangum. They were married on March 4, 1972, in Wellington, Texas. To this union, two children were born, Galen and Brandi. Carl made a living by operating heavy machinery, driving semi-trucks, and, most of all, being a tremendously talented cowboy. He imparted a great deal of ranching knowledge to several generations of young cowboys, many of whom still live in the Vinson area. For two years in the early 1990s, he was a member of a ranch rodeo team called DJ Ranch. The team won the state championship in 1992. He was a hard worker who could never sit still. He enjoyed hunting quail, hogs, and coyotes, and he maintained an immaculate garden that he worked on tirelessly. In his later years, he retired from ranching and worked for Greer County District #3 as a road grader operator and foreman. He worked up until the day he became ill. Carl had a keen ability to make others laugh—sometimes a little too much. He adored his five grandsons and three great-grandchildren and loved nothing more than getting them all riled up, only to leave them with Brenda or send them home to their

parents. He was always a kid at heart. Carl was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Nancy Hayes; and his brothers, Rance, Alvin, Clinton, and Clayton Ellis. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda of Vinson, Oklahoma; his son, Galen Ellis (Heather) of Vernon, Texas; and his daughter, Brandi Orosco (Adam) of Mangum, Oklahoma. He is also survived by his grandsons: Kyle Ellis (Amber) of Shallowater, Texas; Derrick Ellis (Kenzy) of Elk City, Oklahoma; Clay Ellis (Kallie) of Altus, Oklahoma; Owen Orosco (Ashley) of Altus, Oklahoma; and Jay Orosco of Weatherford, Oklahoma. He is further survived by his siblings: Jim (Wanda) Ellis of Panhandle, Texas; Shirley (Delbert) Derby of Clinton, Oklahoma; Kent Ellis of Mangum, Oklahoma; and Randy (Flossie) Ellis of Crescent, Oklahoma, as well as numerous other family members and friends. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Payton and Landon Ellis of Shallowater, Texas, and Lukas Ellis of Elk City, Oklahoma, as well as another great-grandchild on the way. Carl will be deeply missed by his family—there was never a dull moment in his presence.

Public viewing for Carl will begin on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., at People's Cooperative Funeral Home, located at 1400 W. Main, Lone Wolf, OK, 580-846-9018

Graveside services for Carl are scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026. 10:00 A.M., at Erick Cemetery.

Online condolences for Carl can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Erick Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

People's Co-Operative Funeral Home
P.O. Box 146
1400 W. Main
Lone Wolf, OK 73655
(580) 846-9018
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Graveside

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Erick Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Gary and Erica Mills family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl Arnold Ellis.



Gary and Erica Mills family - April 29 at 06:35 PM

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“ Gary and Erica Mills family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Arnold Ellis.

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Arnold Ellis.



April 29 at 11:58 AM



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“ *As I was growing up and staying with my sister, Sue and Reid, we always had a good time playing baseball with Carl. He was always fun. Was willing to do anything. He was the one that you recall. Good prayers to you, Brenda and your whole family.*

Patricia McBride-Manning - April 29 at 11:16 AM