



## Hallie Meredith Lauer

September 15, 1928 - August 25, 2020

Hallie Meredith Lauer passed from this life to be with God and his beloved wife on August 25, 2020, at the age of 91 years. Born September 15, 1928, in Lone Wolf, he was the second child of Hallie William Lauer and Edna Viola Nancy (Howl) Lauer. Meredith grew up on a family farm between Lone Wolf and Hobart where he acquired the faith, work ethic, and character that would be hallmarks of his incredible life.

Meredith was a member of the 1944 State Champion Lone Wolf High School football team, which was the first state football championship of any class in the State of Oklahoma. His fumble recovery saved the victory for the Coyotes. He was an all-district and alternate all-state standout player in 1946. In High School he was class President, received the American Legion Student of the Year Award, and was awarded the FFA Junior Master Farmer degree. After graduating high school in 1947 he studied 3 semesters at Oklahoma A&M College, but he couldn't resist the lure of returning home to continue the farming that he loved so much. After returning to Lone Wolf he met and fell in love with Norma Jeanette Lee of Lake Creek. They married on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950, at the Granite First Baptist Church and celebrated 69 wonderful years together before Norma passed in August of 2019. They were blessed with four children; Sherri Lynn, Cynthia Lee, Mark Meredith, and John Lowe. They loved to travel and instilled that love in their children. The couple visited six continents, over seventy countries, and all fifty states in their travels. Meredith served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in

Germany and was trained as a radio repair technician and tank driver. After his honorable discharge in 1952 he returned home to his cherished wife and farm. Meredith was a tireless and innovative farmer. Soon after purchasing his first farm north of Granite he modified his equipment to maximize delivery of fertilizer to cotton crops in the farm's sandy soil, producing yields that amazed the local established farmers. He pioneered low-till farming and double-cropping in the area, and was the first to grow alfalfa in the sandy soil of the area. He constantly created new ways to build, repair, or improve his equipment. He maximized his farm's economics by keeping costs low and increasing revenues by prudent hedging and marketing techniques. He received the State Goodyear Conservation Merit award in 1974 and was featured in a Farmer Stockman magazine article for his low-till farming techniques.

His faith played a central role in Meredith's life. He grew up attending the First Christian Church in Hobart, but after moving to Granite he was a steadfast member of Lake Creek Baptist Church. He served as a deacon for 67 years and taught Sunday School classes for many years. He helped construct the church fellowship hall and was involved in many other aspects of the Church. But most of all he studied the Bible in depth and lived his life conforming to Jesus' instruction to treat the world as his neighbor and to love them accordingly.

Meredith was a respected leader of the community. He served on the Granite Public School Board for 20 years, the Greer County Conservation District Board of Directors for 34 years, the Harmon Electric Association, Inc. Board of Directors for 16 years, and the Granite Farmers Cooperative Board of Directors for 24 years. But Meredith's most significant and enduring legacy (other than his family) is his immense compassion, his universal kind spirit, his sincere humility, and his unquestionable honesty. These are the characteristics for which his family and friends remember him most, and the qualities we strive to embody in our own lives.

Meredith is survived by his four children: daughter Sherri Bowen and spouse

Kelley of Hobart; daughter Cindi Lauer of Granite; son Mark Lauer and spouse Kim (Davidson) of Tulsa; and son John Lauer and spouse Chris Kraft of Dallas. He leaves a legacy of seven grandchildren: David Dwaine Gelnar of Columbia, Missouri; Katie Anne (Bowen) Carney and spouse Richard of Hobart; Rebecca Lynn Bowen-Herring of Oklahoma City; Carrie Lee (Gelnar) Eyler and spouse Gustav of Kensington, Maryland; Ryan Anthony Gelnar and fiancée Sarah Stewart of Columbia, Missouri; and Blake Andrew Lauer and Luke Anthony Lauer of Tulsa as well as many great-grandchildren: Jady Lee Bowen of Hobart; Hallie Grace, Josey Lee, and Mattingly Lynn Carney of Hobart; Elizabeth Lee, William Henry, and unborn grandson Eyler of Kensington, Maryland; and Eleanor Shai Herring of Oklahoma City. He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; grandparents Hubert and Mary (Brillhart) Howl; grandparents George Henry and Eva (Cummins) Lauer; sister Mary Francis (Lauer) Coggins; brother George Hubert "GH" Lauer; brother Alden Granville "Al" Lauer; and grandson-in-law Richard Herring.

A funeral service for Meredith is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Friday, August 28, 2020, at Lake Creek Baptist Church (masks required) with an internment ceremony at Rock Cemetery west of Granite, Oklahoma, immediately thereafter (masks requested).

Public viewing for Meredith will begin Thursday, August 27, 2020, from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the family receiving visitors from 6:00 PM. to 8:00 PM at People's Cooperative Funeral Home, 1400 W. Main St., Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. (580-846-9018).

On-line condolences can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Lake

Creek Baptist Church, 37014 E County Road 1370, Granite, Oklahoma 73547  
or the American Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hallie Meredith Lauer*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Hallie Meredith Lauer*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all the family.*



**Teresa Allen** - August 28, 2020 at 09:53 AM



*Thank you*

**Cynthia Lauer** - August 31, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**People's Cooperative Funeral Home** - August 27, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hallie Meredith Lauer.



August 27, 2020 at 02:04 PM



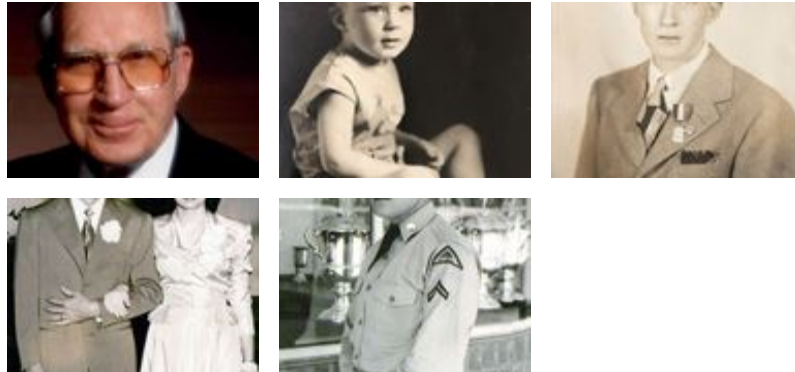
“ LUV and Prayers, Common Services Leadership Team purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Flo or Basket for the family of Hallie Meredith Lauer.



**LUV and Prayers, Common Services Leadership Team -**  
August 27, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



**People's Cooperative Funeral Home - August 27, 2020 at 12:16 PM**