



James Wade Venard

January 9, 1944 - June 2, 2026

James Wade Venard passed from this life on June 2, 2026, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 82. James was born on January 9, 1944, to Chester and Faye (Thornton) Venard in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Jim graduated from Gotebo High and Oklahoma A&M with a bachelor's degree in soil science. He married Judith Ann Bills on August 14, 1965, in her Gotebo home. Jim's early career was with the U.S. Forrest Service. During this time, he and his family lived in Arkansas, Idaho, and Alaska. In 1984, Jim fulfilled his lifelong dream to pursue farming and moved to Hobart, Oklahoma with his family. During these years, Jim farmed wheat, cotton, and raised cattle. Jim was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and downhill skiing. Throughout his life, Jim was involved on many levels in the Hobart community. Jim was well travelled. Some places he went to with Judy were New Mexico, New York, Europe, Civil War sites, and Hawaii. Jim will be incredibly missed by all who knew him. James is survived by his two sons, Chet Venard and wife Lynette of Perry, Oklahoma and Chris Venard of Altus, his grandchildren Justin Venard of Perry, Jessica Nicholas and husband Adam of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and a host of other relatives and friends. Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Venard, his parents, Chester and Faye Venard, and brothers, Jeff and Joe Venard.

Public viewing for Jim will begin, Friday, June 5, 2026, 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M, with family present to receive friends between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., People's Funeral Home, located at 1400 W. Main, Lone Wolf, OK,

580-846-9018.

Services for Jim are scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2026, 2:00 P.M., at the First United Methodist Church in Hobart with Pastor Scott Northrip officiating. Interment will follow at Gotebo Cemetery.

Online condolences for Jim can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativeneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Gotebo Cemetery

Gotebo, OK

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

People's Co-Operative Funeral Home
P.O. Box 146
1400 W. Main
Lone Wolf, OK 73655
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Church Service

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
Hobart, OK 73651

Interment

JUN 6 (CT)

Gotebo Cemetery
Gotebo, OK

Tribute Wall

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“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family.*

Kent and Sherree Orrell

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