



## Marvin Gaylen Smith

September 29, 1930 - June 21, 2024

Marvin Gaylen Smith passed from this life on June 21, 2024, at the age of 93, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 29, 1930, in Willow, Oklahoma to Clarence (Jeff) Smith and Arkie (Owens) Smith. Marvin grew up in a loving hard-working home with his two brothers Wayne and Leon. Not only were they brothers, they were lifelong best friends. His work ethic was learned at a very young age and stayed strong his entire life. He went to elementary school in Willow, then attended Ocina High School where he graduated and continued to enjoy the reunions with classmates and friends. After graduation Marvin went to Wichita Falls to study at Draughton School of Business where he earned his degree in Business. He also met the love of his life, Jonnie Bea Galloway, at the movie theater where they both worked. They were married on August 16, 1952, in Seymour, Texas and enjoyed 64 years of marriage before her passing in 2016. 1952 was a pivotal year for Marvin, as he also joined the Marines and was immediately sent to California to do his basic training. He served our county in the Korean War where he was stationed at Marine Corp Base Camp Fuji in Japan. After the war Marvin continued in the reserves until 1960. Marvin and Bea made their home in Seymour for several years before returning to the Willow community in which he carved out a successful farming and ranching business. He was a longtime member of the Willow Church of Christ, he served on the FSA Greer County Committee, and served on numerous gin boards. Marvin and Bea welcomed a daughter to the family in 1967. Marvin fondly told stories of the many

summers he, Bea and Donna drove many miles across Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana for Donna to compete in horse shows. He later proudly attended his Grandchildren, Dalton and Haley's sporting events on a regular basis. His work ethic stayed strong even in later years as he tried "retiring" from farming only to get right back in. He never really stopped working ever, and when it was too hot to be outside, he spent hours putting his business skills to work by researching and studying the stock market.

Marvin is survived by his daughter, Donna Gilpatrick and fiancée Darrell Hill, two grandchildren, Dalton Gilpatrick and fiancée Misia and Haley Gilpatrick and boyfriend Josh Conger. He is survived by one brother, Leon Smith and wife Judy and he is survived by his special friend and companion Lynn Denney along with a host of other relatives and friends. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents Jeff and Arkie, wife Bea, brother Wayne and infant son John Marvin.

Graveside services for Marvin are scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024, 10:00 A.M. at Willow Cemetery with Scott Northrip officiating. Public viewing will begin Sunday, June 23, 2024, 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., with family present to receive friends between the hours of 3:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M., at Peoples Funeral Home, located at 1400 West Main, Lone Wolf, 580-846-9018.

Memorials for Marvin can be made to the Willow Cemetery Fund, 36388 NCR 1940, Willow, OK 73673.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Willow Cemetery

N1940 Rd  
Willow, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Present To Receive Friends

JUN **23.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home  
1400 West Main  
Lone Wolf, OK 73655

## Graveside Service

JUN **24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Willow Cemetery  
N1940 Rd  
Willow, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**People's Cooperative Funeral Home** - June 23, 2024 at 04:38 PM

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“ *Mary Kruska lit a candle in memory of Marvin Gaylen Smith*



**Mary Kruska** - June 22, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**People's Cooperative Funeral Home** - June 22, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *Butch And Nancy Greer lit a candle in memory of Marvin Gaylen Smith*



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**Butch and Nancy Greer** - June 22, 2024 at 12:12 PM