



Gary Ray Polson

July 15, 1951 - June 7, 2026

Gary Ray Polson, age 74, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, died Sunday, June 7, 2026. Gary was born on July 15, 1951, in Welch, Oklahoma, to Billy Edward and Colleen Marie (Cottengim) Polson. Throughout his childhood, he developed a love for animals just like his father did and helped take care of them and enjoy life. He graduated from high school and went to NEO A&M in Miami, Oklahoma, and on to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. He graduated with a Bachelor's and a Master's in Mechanical Engineering. He would later complete a Master's in Health & Physical Education. He was employed by Charles Machine Works, Ditch Witch in Perry, Oklahoma, until 1982, when he started Strength Tech Inc., a manufacturer of weightlifting equipment.

He is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1984, he met Lora Hughes; they married in 1988 and have been together and involved in many adventures, mostly of Gary's creation.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and many, many relatives.

Gary is survived by his wife, Lora Polson, of the home.

Graveside Services will be 11:00 AM, Friday, June 19, 2026, at the Welch Cemetery in Welch, Oklahoma, under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral

Home and Cremation Service.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Gary's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Those wishing to honor Gary's memory can do so by making donations to Welch Cemetery. Make checks out to Town of Welch, memo Welch Cemetery, P. O. Box 277, Welch, Oklahoma. 74369

Cemetery Details

Welch Cemetery

Welch, OK

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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