

Harold "Bruce" Merriman

June 14, 1956 - July 13, 2025

Harold "Bruce" Merriman, 69, an Atwood, Oklahoma Farmer and Rancher passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma surrounded by family.

Bruce was born in Holdenville, Oklahoma to Harold Merriman and Peggy (Blackburn) Merriman. Bruce's love for agriculture began early—his father put him on a tractor as a young boy, and he spent most of his life working in the field with his dad and brothers, Roger and Christie.

In 1991, Bruce married the love of his life, Lori (Dohlman) Merriman, gaining a stepson, Hoot, and later welcoming their daughter, Kaitlyn, in 1994. Together, Bruce and Lori had a passion for raising goats and watching Kaitlyn show across the country. Bruce was able to watch his granddaughter show at her first National show just weeks before his passing.

Bruce will be remembered as a devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, loyal brother, and cherished friend to many. His legacy as a hardworking farmer and a man of quiet strength and kindness will live on through his family.

Bruce is preceded in passing by his parents, Harold and Peggy Merriman, and brother Roger Merriman.

Those left to share the memory of Bruce include his wife Lori Merriman, of Fairland soon to be Miami, daughter, Kaitlyn Hofschulte and son in law Chris Hofschulte of Miami. Son Hoot Hoskin and daughter in law Erin Hoskin, of Ada. Brother Christie Merriman and sister in law Sherry of Atwood. Grandchildren Halee and Lottie Hofschulte and Trystan and KayDee Hoskin. Along with several nieces and nephew.

Visitation for Bruce will be Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Services for Mr. Merriman will be 2:00 PM on Friday, July 18, 2025 at First Christian Church's Chapel in Miami with Mr. Matt Cooley officiating. Interment will follow at the Glen Abbey Memorial Garden East of Miami. Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Bruce's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Glen-Abbey Memorial Garden

58915 East 100 Road
PO Box 1511
Miami, OK 74355
(918) 919-9904

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
101 West Conner
Fairland, OK 74343
<http://www.brown-winters.com>

Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church Chapel of Miami
2424 North Main
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-9816
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold "Bruce" Merriman*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 17, 2025 at 12:41 PM

WF

“ *Watkins and Cundiff Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.*



Watkins and Cundiff Family - July 18, 2025 at 11:02 AM

WF

“ *Watkins and Cundiff Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.*

Watkins and Cundiff Family - July 18, 2025 at 11:02 AM

DE

“ *David & Lisa Ewing purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.*



David & Lisa Ewing - July 17, 2025 at 07:57 PM

DE

“ David & Lisa Ewing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.

David & Lisa Ewing - July 17, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



July 17, 2025 at 06:14 PM

TB

“ The Dale Blackburns purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



The Dale Blackburns - July 17, 2025 at 12:35 PM

RM

“ Our Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Your friends and neighbors in Miami

Ron & Carolyn Minson - July 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM

CL

“ Cody & Krista Lamle purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



Cody & Krista Lamle - July 17, 2025 at 12:02 PM

TF

“ The Foote Family purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



The Foote Family - July 17, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



July 17, 2025 at 12:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.

July 17, 2025 at 12:03 AM

LP

“ Lorene P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.

Lorene P. - July 16, 2025 at 11:55 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



July 16, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.

July 16, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DF

“ David and Amy Wilson and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



David and Amy Wilson and Family - July 16, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.*



July 16, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.

July 16, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.*



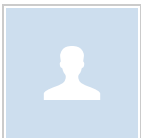
July 16, 2025 at 07:33 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.*



July 15, 2025 at 10:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.

July 15, 2025 at 10:17 PM

PC

“ Pamela Blackburn Chastain purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



Pamela Blackburn Chastain - July 15, 2025 at 06:11 PM

JF

“ Jessi Merriman and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



Jessi Merriman and family - July 15, 2025 at 05:55 PM

MG

“ Michael and Shelby Lindsey and girls purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



Michael and Shelby Lindsey and girls - July 15, 2025 at 05:47 PM

CM

“ Chris and Sherry Merriman purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



Chris and Sherry Merriman - July 15, 2025 at 05:25 PM

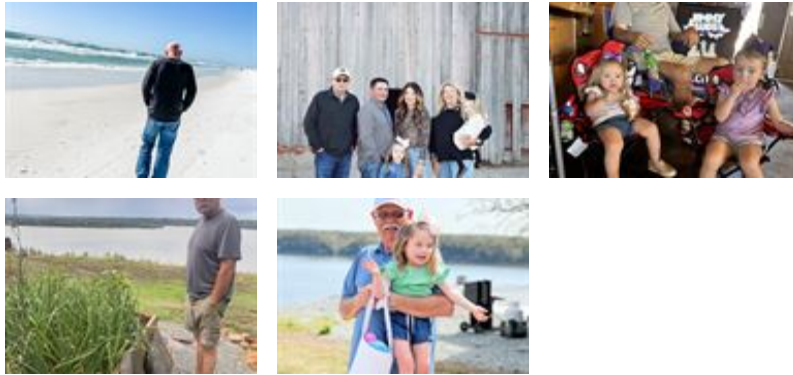
CM

“ Chris and Sherry Merriman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.

Chris and Sherry Merriman - July 15, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - July 15, 2025 at 03:35 PM

KS

“ I had the opportunity to work for Bruce & Lori at Merriman's when I was 16. I remember Bruce coming in from working all day and we would make him a BBQ sandwich for dinner. I also remember being very young and coming to play with their goats after church on Sundays. Bruce was a great man and will be dearly missed.

kelsey sherry - July 15, 2025 at 09:59 AM

BP

“ I had lots of good visits with Bruce while Lori was trimming Aaron's goats for several years.
Bruce was a kind hearted man.
Billy Purkins

Billy Purkins - July 14, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



July 14, 2025 at 10:02 PM

DK

“ Donna Vee Moose and John Kirby. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold "Bruce" Merriman.



Donna Vee Moose and John Kirby. - July 14, 2025 at 07:31 PM