



Jim "Louie" Wells

February 5, 1938 - March 6, 2021

James Eldon Wells died peacefully at his home in the early hours of March 6, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was 83.

Jim was born in the Vinita, Oklahoma home of his parents, Herman R. and Vinita (Guilford) Wells on February 5, 1938. He was a proud member of the Shawnee Tribe. Jim graduated from Miami High School in 1957. Jim played football during his high school years.

After graduation, Jim took the train to Washington, DC to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He later transferred to the Oklahoma City office. He then worked in Des Moines, Iowa and Grants, New Mexico.

He returned to Miami in 1970 to work for the City of Miami Police Department as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, then to Lieutenant, working in Patrol before being assigned to the Detective Division. He is known in the law enforcement community as "Louie". He retired May 30, 1997, and started working for the Ottawa County Sheriff Department the first Monday in June of 1997. Next to his family, his greatest joy in life was upholding the law. Louie retired from law enforcement in 2011. He could not give up being around the officers and retirees. After retirement, Louie spent many years, having coffee at the Sheriff's Garage trading stories with deputies and retirees. When summer came, he could be found at the softball fields watching his three granddaughters play softball. He continued this until last year.

Jim was a baptized member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He attended the Church of Jesus Christ Restoration Branch in Miami.

Jim married Nancy Roberson on November 16, 1975, in Miami. She survives of the home.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a brother-in-law Gayle Scruggs, aunts Reba Guilford, Velma Eden and Vola Spradlin; in-laws Jappie and Betty Roberson, and Sister-

in-law Susan Roberson Collier.

Jim is survived by his wife Nancy Wells, of the home. His son Dennis Wells of Miami, daughter Nicole Panter and husband James. Grandchildren, Trevor Wells, North Carolina; Raegan Panter, Lauren Panter and Halle Brienne Panter, all of Miami. His sister, Lois Scruggs and Uncle Lloyd Guilford. Sister-in-law Kathy Martin, Brothers-in-law Ken Roberson, wife Kay, and Greg Roberson. He had a host of cousins, nephews and nieces, and great nieces and nephews, who either called him uncle Jim or Poppy. He was the 'American' Dad to Perla Machado. Fellow officer Andrew Hanson held a special place in Louie's heart.

Casketbearers will be Patrol Officer Andrew Hanson, Ty Roberson, Chief Ray Horn, SGT. Jason Arnold, OHP Trooper Jack Rhinehart and Investigator Aaron Bachman.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Glen Yarbrough, Brad Roberson, Scott Roberson, Sammy VanHoose, Mike Payton, area law enforcement and retirees, Gary Reynolds and Don Kropp.

A special thank you to Integris Hospice who took exceptional care for Jim. Thanks to Jeannie Palmer, Tina Boswell, Tracy Stubblefield, Monika Price, Dylan Massy, Candace Hayward and Russell Thulin and Dr. Stephens and staff.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to The Miami Salvation Army.

Cemetery Details

Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
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Celebration of Life

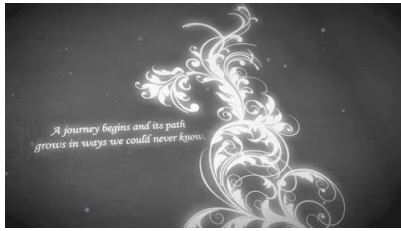
MAR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ Restoration
59001 East 100 Road
Miami, OK 74354

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jim "Louie" Wells*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - March 09, 2021 at 03:32 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I had the honor to work with Louie and for him in the detective division. Lots of good times and not so good times depending on the call. I have a great admiration and respect for him and so sorry I missed the service. My prayers and thoughts go out to Nancy and her family. May god be with you and yours I can image Louie patrolling those streets of gold.*

Randy Mathia - April 12, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *102 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - March 09, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jim "Louie" Wells.*



March 07, 2021 at 07:49 PM



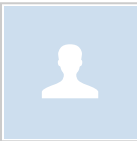
“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I have known him almost all of my life. Jim worked with my dad, Don Pendley, at the Miami Police Department for years and years. I worked with Jim at the Ottawa County Sheriffs Department for several year's also. He gave the best hugs EVER and was always such a wonderful man and I'm so glad that he was a part of my life.*

Karen Pendley Hall - March 07, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *So sad to hear this. I've known Jim almost all of my*

Karen Pendley Hall - March 07, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim "Louie" Wells.*



March 07, 2021 at 09:36 AM