



## Larry Edward Davis

February 25, 1938 - February 3, 2019

Larry Edward Davis a lifelong Ottawa County Farmer/Rancher passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at Freeman Health System in Joplin. Visitation will be on Friday, February 8, 2019 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. There will be a Celebration of Life 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Miami with Rev. Rick Longcrier and Rev. Noah Palmer officiating. Interment will follow at Glen-Abbey Memorial Gardens in Miami. Memorial Contributions may be made to The Baptist Children's Home of Owasso, NEO Ag Department Crop Research in care of the funeral home.

Mr. Davis was born February 25, 1938 in Miami, OK to Leroy M. Davis and Mary Evalene Boswell Davis. Larry owned and operated a diversified grain and cattle operation in Ottawa County producing wheat, corn, soybeans and cattle known as Twin Rivers Grain and Cattle. Larry had numerous agricultural science awards and achievements. He was named Master Agronomist by OSU Department of Agronomy in 1990 due to his sound principles of soil management and crop production.

Larry graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1956. He joined the army after high school and went to basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas and then Aberdeen, Maryland Proving Grounds for tank and equipment training. His service included six months active duty and seven and a half years in the Army Reserves.

After his active duty service in the Army, he entered Northeastern Oklahoma

A&M College 1957-1959 and obtained an Associate of Arts degree. At N.E.O., Larry was a faithful and dedicated member of the Baptist Student Union where he served as President for two years. His winning smile and positive attitude earned him many honors. He loved people and never met a stranger. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, Oklahoma in 1959 and graduated in 1961 receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. He met Julianna "Judy" Swadley at O.B.U. and they were married on September 17th, 1961 at First Baptist Church in Eufaula, Oklahoma. They moved to Miami and took over the family farming operations due to the illness of his father. During this time he also worked at BF Goodrich and taught school at Wyandotte High School for five years, coaching girls' basketball and teaching Social Studies from 1969-1973. He was elected to serve as a member of the Wyandotte School Board in January of 1974 and served there for five years while continuing to build the farming operation. Larry was a faithful life-long member of First Baptist Church of Miami. He was a Volunteer Youth Director the summer of 1958. He served as a deacon after being ordained January 25th, 1976. He taught Sunday school to the youth and adults for many years and served on the personnel, properties, pulpit, and other numerous committees. He also was a member of the Worship Choir. He loved parties, picnics, hayrides, and teaching the kids how to play football or drive. Larry was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and Godly man who loved the Lord and his church.

He was a diligent worker for the Oklahoma Soybean Growers Association serving in various key leadership roles on a local and national level. Larry's hard work and perseverance to succeed is evident due to his ingenuity and timing to produce the best crops through innovative machinery and soil conservation. He relied on God to guide him through adversity with an unwavering strength and positive attitude. His gracious attitude to help others will always be remembered.

Larry's organizations: Member of the Oklahoma Soybean Association serving as President, Member of the Oklahoma Soybean Commission appointed by

Governor Nigh in 1979, he served as member and President, Member of the American Soybean Association, Member of the Ottawa County Agriculture Extension and Research Advisory Committee, Member of the Oklahoma State University Advisory Committee as Chairman, Soy Action Chairman of the OK Soybean Association, OK State University Experiment Station Cooperation for thirteen or more years providing test plots, Former Ottawa county Soil Conservation Board member for five years, Member of the Oklahoma Soybean Federation as Secretary, Member of Ottawa County Farm Bureau serving on Resolution Committee, Past Director of the National United Soybean Board of Directors representing Oklahoma and he was a Member of the Gideon's International and Ottawa County Gideon's Camp. He was awarded 1965 Master Dairyman and 1990 Master Agronomist OSU.

A man with a strong dedication to his family, Larry is survived by his wife of 56 years

Julianna (Judy); Daughter, Juli Diana Davis of Miami, Oklahoma; son, Joseph Alan Davis of Miami, Oklahoma; his grandchildren; Sarah Jo Davis and Guy Alan Davis of Wyandotte, Oklahoma; his sister, Norma Sue Simpson of Duarte, California; his nieces; Laura Jimenez of Duarte, California and Sue Randolph Simpson of Clovis, California; brother in-law, Steve Swadley and wife Beverly and son Drew of Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Davis' Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://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

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
5 B Street NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-3311  
[info@brown-winters.com](mailto:info@brown-winters.com)  
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

## Celebration of Life

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Miami  
24 A St. SW  
Miami, OK 74354  
<http://www.fbcmiamiok.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Edward Davis*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 08, 2019 at 04:01 PM

BC

“ *Am saddened and sorry to hear about you husband. Find some comfort in knowing he is in His arms. Betty Swadley Carlton*

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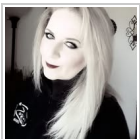
**Betty And Lonnie Carlton** - March 11, 2019 at 12:53 PM

JD

*Thank you.*

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**Juli Davis** - March 23, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ *As an employee of Simmons Foods and the Fairland Feed Mill, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family. Larry was a gentle soul, a kind man and corn harvest won't be the same next year without him. God Bless the family. Larry will be deeply missed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Julia Blackburn*

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**Julie Davis Blackburn** - February 09, 2019 at 07:22 AM

JD

*Thank you.*

**Juli Davis** - February 11, 2019 at 12:35 AM

BB

“ *Losing a loved one is difficult. Sorry I can't be there, but I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Bobby and Jane Ballard*

**Bobby Ballard** - February 08, 2019 at 10:46 PM

JD

*Thank you so much Bobby and Jane. So appreciated.*

**Juli Davis** - February 09, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *68 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 08, 2019 at 01:11 PM

JL

“ Judy,

*I'm so sorry for your loss, he was a very special man. I loved his smile and his friendly personality. He will be greatly missed.*

*love & prayers  
Judy & Doug Lofland*

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**Judy Lofland** - February 08, 2019 at 10:50 AM

JD

*Thank you so much.*

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**Juli Davis** - February 11, 2019 at 06:01 PM

AA

“ *Condolences to the Davis family. I will always have good memories of Larry. He was well respected by our family and by the local farm community.*

*Aaron Alsbaugh and family*

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**Aaron Alsbaugh** - February 07, 2019 at 01:40 PM

JD

*Thank you so much.*

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**Juli Davis** - February 09, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Davis.*



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February 07, 2019 at 12:14 PM

CW

“ Prayers for your family & friends. I remember Larry when I worked at John Deere. Always in a hurry but with a smile on his face. A great loss to society for his devotion to others. R.I.P.

Colleen Woodward - February 07, 2019 at 10:27 AM

JD

Thank you so much.

Juli Davis - February 11, 2019 at 12:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Davis.



February 06, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Davis.



February 06, 2019 at 12:46 PM

BA

“ Becky and Jerry Abell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Edward Davis.



Becky and Jerry Abell - February 06, 2019 at 10:38 AM

BK

“ Larry was a true friend a few years ago we lost our Grandson Larry knew Bob had been working ground so Larry and his crew went out and finished working all that was left now that is a true friend. It meant so much to us but you know Farmers help each other out Larry you will be missed. Our heart goes out to your family

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**Bob Kropp** - February 05, 2019 at 08:32 PM

JD

*Thank you so much.*

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**Juli Davis** - February 09, 2019 at 08:29 PM

DS

“ Having tremendous respect for this man, I can say I will be lost not seeing your face around the farm when I stop by. Not only were you a customer but you were a great friend, one that I will always remember. I am so glad I had the pleasure to take you to the Harvester plant and Tractor plant last year. It was a trip I won't personally forget, as you were so happy to be there. Rest in Peace Larry

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**Darren Shepherd** - February 05, 2019 at 05:28 PM

JD

*Thank you so much. He enjoyed that trip so much.*

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**Juli Davis** - February 09, 2019 at 08:30 PM

RC

“ This man has been an influence in my life for longer than I can remember. Larry always called me when he needed an extra hand. I called him when I needed to borrow a trailer to a tractor. Judy, Joey, grandkids, you are all in my prayers. Another Hero I have now lost. And not one I will EVER forget. Prayers to all family and friends. One great man!!

Richard Clapp - February 05, 2019 at 12:58 AM

BS

“ Judy and family I'm sorry to hear about Larry. My heart breaks for you. He will be very missed. I loved his smile and laughs! Prayers for peace and comfort



Becky and Rodney Stover - February 04, 2019 at 10:34 PM

JD

Thank you for your prayers.

Juli Davis - February 11, 2019 at 12:39 AM

MK

“ Great neighbor and friend! We will sure miss him.

Marcia and Larry Kruse - February 04, 2019 at 09:24 PM

SL

Judy and family - we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Loves and prayers from the Laue family.

Sheryl Laue - February 05, 2019 at 09:15 AM

RC

*For my heart in in sorrow for the family's loss I rejoice for Larry.He is at the throne with our Brother Jesus at the right hand of our Father God in Heaven! John 14:1-3 tells us.Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God;believe also in me. My fathers house my rooms;if it was not so, would I have told that I am going there to prepare a place for you,I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. Rest In Peace my friend Larry Davis!*

**Rod Channel** - February 05, 2019 at 09:31 AM

CW

*Oh my, what a great man he was! I am so sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed by so many!*

**Cindy Woods** - February 05, 2019 at 09:46 AM

AM

*We have lost a pillar of our community and a mentor to many of us. He will be greatly missed but his footprint on this area will remain for many years.*

*Our sincere condolences to you for your great loss.*

*Bill and Alta Messbarger*

**ALTA JEAN MESSBARGER** - February 05, 2019 at 12:33 PM

DS

*One of a kind A good man A great friend RIP*

**Doug Sommer** - February 05, 2019 at 01:56 PM

CL

*Dearest Judy and family, I am so broken hearted over Larry. You know how dear he was to me and all the people that I grew up with at FBC. Larry was a wonderful youth leader to all of us and we have the fondest memories of the times spent with him as our director.. Had it not been for his willingness to take on such a huge group of young people, we would not have had a youth group. He has blessed all our lives with his presence. With all my love and prayers.*

*Carole Leamon*

**Carole Leamon** - February 07, 2019 at 01:00 PM



*Thank you everyone for your kind words. Dad will be missed so much.*

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**Juli Davis** - February 11, 2019 at 12:44 AM