



## Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett

June 27, 1942 - May 22, 2023

Thomas Lee Bassett, 80, a resident of Afton, Oklahoma, passed away at Integris Miami Hospital on Monday, May 22, 2023. Thomas was born on June 27, 1942, in Afton, Oklahoma, to Thomas Grover Bassett, Jr. and Helen Christine (Adkison) Bassett. 'Tommy Lee' as he was known to family and friends, was a lifelong resident of Afton. He graduated from Afton High School in 1960 and attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Early in his career Tommy worked for the Oklahoma Highway Department in Sapulpa, then returned to Afton to work for Farmland Industries. After a brief move to Lincoln Illinois with Farmland, Tommy returned to Afton in 1975 when he purchased Bassett's Grocery, becoming the third-generation owner. Tommy married Judy Heppner on October 4, 1980, and spent more than 40 wonderful years together building a beautiful family. Tommy continued to operate Bassett's Grocery until 2009, a staple of the Afton community and employer of choice for countless Afton High School students. After Bassett's Grocery closed, Tommy focused his time on investments in real-estate properties. Tommy was a 32nd degree Mason in the Masonic Lodge and a 20-year firefighter and EMT in the Afton Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a long-time active member and supporter of Trinity Southern Baptist Church. After retirement Tommy enjoyed golfing, camping and spending time with Judy, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Tommy is preceded in passing by his parents, Thomas Jr. and Helen Bassett, his brothers, Larry Bassett and Garry Bassett, and a grandchild Devin Cook.

Those left to share the memory of Mr. Bassett are his wife Judy Bassett, his former wife Nancy Parker - mother of children Sheri Bassett Preston, and her husband Matthew, of Marietta, Georgia, and Steven Ray Bassett, and Melissa Cook, of Monkey Island, Oklahoma - Lisa Humble, of Owasso, Oklahoma, April Shinn and her husband Bobby, of Afton, Oklahoma, and his brother Richard "Dick" Bassett of Grove, Oklahoma. Grandchildren include Matthew "Ryan" Preston Jr., Mars Preston, Wacy Humble and his wife Jordan, Ky Humble, Dalton Shinn and his wife Jessica, Carlee Shinn, and Corey Turner. Great-Grandchildren include Renix Humble, Nixon Humble, Harlan Shinn, Rowan Shinn, Brixon Turner, Blakely Turner, and Bishop Turner.

Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Afton, Oklahoma.

Funeral Services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday, May 26, 2023, at Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Afton, Oklahoma with Reverend Brian Gibson officiating.

Interment will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Afton under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Afton.

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

The family is requesting in lieu of flowers donation to Trinity Southern Baptist Church – The Bus Barn Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery of Afton

Afton, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Southern Baptist Church  
110 S. Elm  
Afton, OK 74331

## Celebration of Life

MAY **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Southern Baptist Church  
110 S. Elm  
Afton, OK 74331

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 24, 2023 at 01:45 PM

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*Judy and family, so sorry for your loss*

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**Rebecca Roskob** - May 25, 2023 at 04:23 PM

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*Love, hugs and prayers.*

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**Cindy Cravens** - May 28, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JL

“ *The Bassett Family, Tom, Jr., Helen, Tommy Lee, Dick, Larry and Gary were our down-the-street neighbors when we moved to Afton from Western Oklahoma in 1953. Shortly thereafter he and I became skating partners at the old Afton Skating Rink; and while I was not allowed to go to Teen Town, we could certainly "cut a mean rug" at the skating rink every Friday night.*

*He was also one of my piano students until the lure of football and basketball won out over his desire to play the piano. We remained good friends over the years, and Bassetts Grocery and Tommy Lee were the point from which I got the town news each time I would come back to Afton to visit.*

*My deepest sympathy to his wife, his brother, Dick, and the rest of his family. Rest in Peace, my dear brother in Christ.*

*Julie (Eck) Lowry*

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**Julie Lowry** - May 29, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.*



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May 26, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 26, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *While growing up in Afton, we never had much. I'll never forget Mr Bassett allowing our family to charge lunchmeat on an account until my mother got paid at the end of the week. Had it not been for this gracious man, we children would have gone hungry, a lot.*

**Twila Vaughn** - May 25, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *Rest in peace Uncle Tommy.*

**Arna** - May 25, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.*



May 24, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 24, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.



May 24, 2023 at 01:39 PM



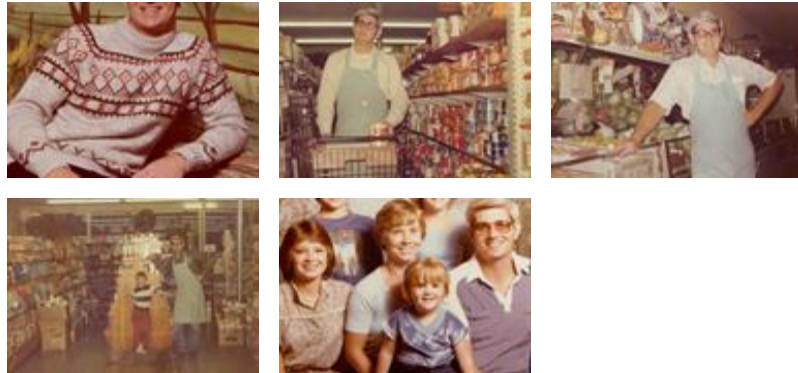
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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 24, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 24, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas “Tommy” L. Bassett.

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May 23, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas “Tommy” L. Bassett.



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May 23, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.*



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May 23, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.*



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May 23, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.*

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May 23, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.*



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May 23, 2023 at 08:56 PM

MJ

“ Rest in peace Tommy! My prayers to the family.

Mike & Michele Jones

Mike Jones - May 23, 2023 at 08:27 PM

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“ Terry, Debbie and Imogene. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.

Terry, Debbie and Imogene. - May 23, 2023 at 08:24 PM

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“ Terry, Debbie and Imogene. purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.



Terry, Debbie and Imogene. - May 23, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.



May 23, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Bassett.*



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May 23, 2023 at 06:57 PM