



# Thomas "Tommy" L. Robertson

March 16, 1938 - September 6, 2018

Thomas Leon Robertson, "Tommy" to his family and friends, age 80, was born on March 16, 1938 to Eardie and Beatrice "Bea" (Dick) Robertson in Jay, Oklahoma. He lived in Delaware County off and on his entire life and graduated from Jay High School in 1956. He was known for his love of almost everyone he met, his smile and laughter touched the lives of many.

He married his love, Catherine Mersch, 43 years ago and they built a beautiful life together. Tommy's passions in life included his family, work - he was an avid entrepreneur, and horses. At the age of 13, he began working on the pipeline with his father in Pennsylvania. Working in this industry allowed him to travel the country. He and "Cat"herine were the previous owners and founders of TomCat Corner Market, a landmark around Grove, in the late 80's and 90's. Some of his other businesses included Tommy's Drive-In in Grove, OK in the 60's, the Redi-mix in Jay in the 70's, TLRobertson Operating Oil & Gas in Eastland, TX in the 80's and TomCat Construction in the late 90's. He finally retired about 4 years ago from the oil and gas industry where he was a Chief on the pipeline. He was among the first to travel to Alaska and helped build the original pipeline there as well.

Tom was a proud Mason and previous member of the Grove Moose Club. He loved his cutting and roping horses. He also enjoyed fishing and being on Grand Lake. He was a member of the Church of the Shepherd (COS) in Grove, OK.

Tommy was well known for his athletic talent in both football and baseball. He played on the State Championship team in Jay in baseball and then played football at NEO A&M. He

loved his Jay bulldogs and was an avid supporter of teams there. He then grudgingly supported and grew to love the Grove Ridgerunners in later years but only when they weren't playing Jay.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and half-brother Marion "Thummy" Robertson. Survivors include his wife Catherine, along with daughters and sons-in law Terri and Steve Moellers, Naples, Florida; Amy and James (Skeeter) Yates of Holdenville, Oklahoma; Cristi and Todd Travis of Grove; and Brandi and Danny Davis of Jay. Also surviving is his son and daughter-in-law Brett and Alma Robertson of Oklahoma City; 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Tommy is also survived by a half-brother Eardie Robertson Jr.

A gathering for family & friends was on Sunday, September 9 at Nichols Funeral Chapel. A casual Celebration of Tommy's life was held Monday, September 10, 2018 at Church of the Shepherd (COS) in Grove. Burial followed at Duffield Cemetery in Jay.

The family requests donations to be made to "Project 7" at COS for children & elderly, 1600 W. Harber Rd, Grove, OK 74344.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Duffield Memorial Cemetery

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Jay, OK, 74346

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Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59, Grove, OK, US, 74344

# Comments

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“ Catherine & Family,  
I too was on the 1955 OK Kids League (I think that was the league's name) State Championship team and always enjoyed playing baseball with Tommy. Later, we played some summer ball and I caught him when he pitched with a beautiful knuckle ball. Sometimes I would get so fascinated watching his "knuckler" dance around, I would forget to catch it and it would hit me. Catherine, your brother Grayson was on that championship team along with many others.

Tommy was a good person, and I know that my Mom enjoyed having him in class. I has been 6-8 years since I last saw you and Tommy but we had an enjoyable visit. Again, I am sorry for your loss for Tommy was a good person. My condolences to you and all of yours.

Garland (Penny) Pendergraf  
(JHS Class of 1958)

**Garland Pendergraf** - September 12, 2018 at 04:22 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Robertson.



September 07, 2018 at 08:41 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Robertson.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" L. Robertson.



September 06, 2018 at 03:25 PM