



## Benham John Branch

June 4, 1935 - July 22, 2021

Benham John “B.J.” Branch was born June 4, 1935, in a farmhouse one-half mile southeast of Bradley, Oklahoma, to the union of Oscar Lane “O.L.” and Lona May (Benham) Branch. After living in that sharecropper’s homestead for three years, he moved with his family three miles north of Bradley, across the river to another sharecropper’s homestead. Three years later, his father purchased 120 acres 1 ½ miles east of that location, where B.J. resided until his death on July 22, 2021.

B.J. was a retired oilfield worker and cattle man. In 1964, he married Joy Christeen Scoggins, of Purdy, Oklahoma. They later had two children, Tracy Lynn and Richard Glenn. After Christeen’s passing, B.J. married Dorothy (Duerksen) Cheshier, of Lindsay, Oklahoma, in 2005. He immediately expanded his family to 23 additional children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren along with his 8 grandchildren and great grandchildren by his daughter and son. B.J. also had numerous nieces and nephews belonging to his late sister, Carrie Bell (Branch) Dutton. He was a simple man who enjoyed a simple life and the simple pleasures it provided.

A funeral service to honor the life of B.J. is set to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the First Baptist Church located at 401 SW 3rd St., Lindsay, Oklahoma. He will be laid to rest at the Alex Cemetery in Alex, Oklahoma, following the service.



# Previous Events

## Service

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
401 sw 3rd St.,  
Lindsay, OK 73052

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Uncle BJ taught each niece and nephew to tie their shoes when young. He lived by example of goodness. I never heard him yell, say a foul word, or show aggression. Had many stories to tell that had a comical, thoughtful, and strong meaning to life. Loved his family immensely. Took time to welcome, visit, and appreciate others. One great man who is so very missed!!!*

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**Martha Castoe** - July 25, 2021 at 10:09 AM