



## Howard Ardrey

February 22, 1925 - December 25, 2012

Howard Leon Ardrey departed this life on the evening of December 25, 2012, at his home in Lindsay, Oklahoma at the age of 87. Leon was born on February 22, 1925 in Hope, Oklahoma to Lillie Elizabeth Rebecca (Campbell) Ardrey and Lee On Ardrey. He married Bonnie Wainscott on September 27, 1945 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Leon moved from Oklahoma to California in 1947 and returned to Lindsay in 1959. He was a retired carpenter and cabinet maker, dairy owner, real estate broker in Oregon and a school bus driver for Lindsay Public Schools. Leon was a veteran of World War II, serving his country in the U.S. Navy.

Leon loved to go coon-hunting with his good buddies, Junior Reeves, Jimmy England and his brother Russell. Whether riding in a pick-up or on the back of a mule, he loved to hear good dogs. He enjoyed fishing with family, especially his grandkids. Leon used his carpentry skills to build a boat (in the family garage). He liked to play in big card games and to discuss politics, but his greatest pleasure was watching his boys and later his grandsons and granddaughters compete in baseball, football, dance, horse shows, Special Olympics or showing sheep. He was passionate about supporting them. Leon will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Mr. Ardrey is survived by his children: Jeanette Williams and husband Danny

of St. Louis, Missouri, Wayne Lee Ardrey of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Jeffery Brian Ardrey and wife Deborah of Lindsay, OK and one sister-in-law, Geneva Gordon of Lindsay, OK.

Leon also leaves behind his grandchildren: Misty Wells, Brian Ardrey, Kim Collins, Amber Ardrey, Eric Ardrey, Brittany Farley, Brandon Ardrey and his great-grandchildren: Wyatt Wells, Conner Wells, Mackathon Collins, Noah Collins, Gavin Collins, Spencer Collins, Isaac Collins, Haylee Downey, Brielle Farley, Ryanna Farley and Trenten Ardrey as well as two nieces: Teresa Richards and Donna Thomas and five nephews: Larry Boydston, Bo Boydston, Emmett Smart, Rusty Gordon and Danny Gordon.

Mr. Ardrey was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Ardrey on April 11, 2008. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Lee On and Lillie Ardrey, two sisters: Louise Burns and Rosa Boydston, one brother, Russell Gordon and one niece, Debbie Gordon.

Funeral services for Mr. Ardrey are set for two o'clock p.m. on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Bro. Bill Love officiating. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

IG

“ Jeanette and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you all.

Irene Bell Gragert - January 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Jeanette, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. I will be praying for you and your family.

Shirley Miller - December 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Leon, altho my husband knew him. I've heard so much about him, and what a wonderful man he was from Brandon and Brittney. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Harold & Pam Boswell - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jeff & family, sorry to hear of your dads passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

Jody Davis Holden - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Uncle Leon has always been special to me! We're sorry for your loss. I will always miss him, but I have lots of good memories about him! <br>

Jim & Teresa Richards - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Jeff, sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Terry and Karen Branch** - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad.

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**Lanny Smith** - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM