



Billy Joe Sires

April 21, 1937 - September 23, 2021

Billy Joe Sires passed away on Thursday Sept 23, 2021, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the age of 84. He was born to Alvin C. “Chick” Sires and Ada Brown Sires, in Ochelata, Oklahoma, April 21, 1937. Bill earned his education at Ochelata Public School, before enlisting in the United States Army. Bill served from 1955-58 and obtained the rank of Sergeant, where he was assigned to the 41st Artillery, anti-aircraft battery. It was there that Bill learned to drive a M42 “Duster” tank. He chose to re-enlist by changing branches and joining the Marine Corp. After being in a little over a month, the Marine Corp declared him 50% disabled due to the hearing loss he had sustained during his service, and he was issued a medical discharge.

In 1959, he met Jackie Sue Barnett, and they married in Miami, Oklahoma, Feb. 20, 1960. They made their home in Ochelata, where they eventually bought the Sires Family Homestead. The couple would remain living there until each of them passed. Bill worked for several years as a ranch hand on the 4-S Ranch. Later, he was given the chance to put his tank driving experience to work by operating heavy construction equipment and pipelining for the H.C. Price Company. Afterwards, he worked locally for Thompson Dirt & Excavation, and considered Walt Thompson a good friend. Bill retired in the early 1990s to care for his family, but continued to do small jobs until Walt’s passing. Bill was proud of the numerous excavation jobs he did around the Bartlesville, and Washington County area.

Bill coached American Legion Baseball in 1959 and 1960. He loved watching sports, and would cheer for the Oklahoma team. Bill was an avid outdoorsman, and he loved to hunt and fish. He belonged to the Ochelata Sportsman’s Club, and was a long time member of the Osage Hills Wolf Hunters Association. Bill was proud of his dogs and won lots of trophies. He and his wife Jackie loved taking their camping trailer to the hunts. He took great pride in taking care of the Sires Family Homestead, and would often be found outside on his tractor. In the evenings, he would sit on the porch and whittle wooden things that he gave to family and friends. He was an amazing cook and was

always excited to try out new recipes. Bill was a man that enjoyed life. He sang songs, whistled tunes, and wrote silly poems. Of all the things that he loved, Bill loved his family the most.

Bill is survived by his two daughters, Tammy Jo Peck and husband, Bill of Bartlesville, youngest daughter, Cassie Sires and husband, Bobby Barger of Dewey. Bill has four grandchildren, Andy Peck of

Bartlesville, Katie Askins, and husband, Billy of Ochelata, Olivia

Inman of Dewey, and Jaren Godinez of Stillwater. Bill, known as "Old Pa", was proudest of his three great granddaughters, Bella, Abby, and Maddy. He has four surviving sisters, Phyllis Sanders of Ochelata, June Thomas of Ramona, Sherry Lozano of Bartlesville, and Colleen Peck of Bartlesville. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie Sue, parents, Chick and Ada Sires, brothers, Donald "Spud" Sires, AC "Handy" Sires, infant brother, John Wesley Sires, sisters Wanda Faye Virden, and Joyce Parker.

Celebration of Life Services are pending.

Comments



“ Tammy & Cassie,
I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad.
You're in my prayers.
Jan (Roberson) Remington

Jan Remington - October 04 at 09:17 PM



“ I had a white 65 GTO in high school and was cutting donuts in the First Baptist church parking lot! Gravel back then. I remember coming to a stop to let the dust clear. Wasn't very long a huge arm came through the drivers side window and got my attention! (REALLY GOT MY ATTENTION) Uncle Bill!!!! After expressing his dismay with me using a few choice words, I idled back down main Street. He never told Grandma on me! Always respected him for that. He was always a gentle giant to me. He and Preston McIntosh would pick me up as a young man and take me wolf hunting. (I never got it) I would always enjoy laying in the back of the truck looking at the stars. Somehow waking up in my own bed wandering how I got there. Uncle Bill ! Later in life I would find his hounds on an oil lease I was working on. Load the dog take it home, call Bill. I remember his home phone number like it was yesterday. Always proud he was my uncle RIP Bill. Broke the mold after you were born! Love you Tammy and Cassie! Jim Virden

Jim Virden - September 30 at 04:53 PM



“ I'll forever be grateful and appreciative of what you taught me in life. I love you and always will miss you and granny both! I'll always tell about you wherever I go. And never forget where I came from and who I am. Hug and kiss granny for me lots!

Olivia Inman - September 30 at 04:29 PM



“ You will always be in my heart and on my mind! Thank you for teaching us so much! We love you Old Pa!! Give Granny and Grandma Peck a great big hug for me! Love you forever. Miss you always!



Katie Askins - September 30 at 11:29 AM