



## Don Leo Vaverka

February 28, 1942 - December 14, 2024

Don Leo Vaverka passed this life on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at the age of 82.

He was born on February 28, 1942, in Enid, Oklahoma, the son of Louis and Carrie Vaverka. He grew up on his family's farm near Bison, Oklahoma, where he learned the value of hard work and the importance of family.

Don was a graduate of Hennessey High School where he was active in showing livestock and working on the family farm. He graduated from Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, Oklahoma with a BS degree in Industrial Arts.

While in college he met his future wife, Caroline Williams, and they were united in marriage on May 27, 1966. They established a home in Blackwell, Oklahoma where their three children were born, and Don was a math teacher at Blackwell High School.

The family later moved to Dewey, Oklahoma where Don had a career as Industrial Relations Manager at National Zinc and the family resided in Dewey for many years. Don was active with livestock shows, coaching youth sports, and supporting his children with all their activities. He was happiest smoking barbeque meat for gatherings with all his "adopted" kids, playing cards, two

stepping to country music, and anything involving food...especially pie. Don wore many hats, such as dad, grandpa, Big Don, mentor, and friend. His quick-witted sayings and overall sense of humor will be missed by all that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Caroline, siblings Clarence Vaverka, Betty Boeckman and Bonnie Yost.

Don is survived by his son Shawn and wife Kerry Vaverka of El Reno, OK, son Vance Vaverka of Ponca City, OK, daughter Audra Vaverka of Jenks, OK, grandson Jordan and wife Alex Vaverka of Yukon, OK and granddaughter Morgan Vaverka of El Reno, OK.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
1600 SE Washington Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
info@stumpff.org  
<https://www.stumpff.org>

## Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St John's Catholic Church  
715 S Johnstone Ave  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
(918) 336-4353

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bart, Bill, Bev and families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don Leo Vaverka.*



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**Bart, Bill, Bev and families** - December 19, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ *Ronda Loudermilk lit a candle in memory of Don Leo Vaverka*



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**Ronda Loudermilk** - December 19, 2024 at 03:41 AM

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“ *Mark & Lora Vaverka Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don Leo Vaverka.*



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**Mark & Lora Vaverka Family** - December 17, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Leo Vaverka.*



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December 17, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Don Leo Vaverka.

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“ Melissa Sweem lit a candle in memory of Don Leo Vaverka



**Melissa Sweem** - December 17, 2024 at 06:39 PM