



Melvin Hildebrand

January 5, 1944 - February 15, 2023

Melvin Hildebrand was born January 5, 1944, to Elsie (Cruse) and Fannet Hildebrand in Perry, Oklahoma. Melvin attended elementary school in Geuda Springs, Kansas and graduated from Perry High School. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University for two years and then earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska. Melvin taught in Nebraska and then Kansas while earning his Master of Science degree from Kansas State University.

Melvin married Lynda Lassman of Chanute, Kansas in 1976. Lynda and Melvin moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma in 1980 where Melvin went to work for Phillips Petroleum. Their son Jonathan was born in 1981. Lynda passed away in 2002 after 27 years of marriage.

Melvin married Judith Hill in Bartlesville in 2004. He retired in 2015 and began working part-time at Goodwill while also volunteering regularly at First Church Community Garden. Melvin was a master gardener, repairer of all things, and a helper to many.

Melvin passed away suddenly on February 15. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Floyd Hildebrand, Clarence Hildebrand and Dale Hildebrand. He is survived by his wife Judi of the home, son Jonathan of Tulsa and brother Glen of Ponca City.

A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30am at Grace Community Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Community Church
1500 SE Kings Dr
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Hildebrand*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Melvin Hildebrand*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Hildebrand.*



February 21, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *I worked with Melvin for 3-4 years before he retired. He was a wealth of knowledge and was always a willing teacher.*

Melvin sold me my first lawnmower when I bought a house. I pulled the money out and was about to pay what he had on the price tag (\$100) but he informed me that was not how it was done. I needed to haggle. We went back and forth a few times and I ended up paying \$80. Afterward he said I "drove a hard bargain". The lesson was as valuable as the mower. He will be missed!

Nathan Cole - February 20, 2023 at 11:03 AM

KL

“ Melvin was my parents next door neighbor for 37 years. Melvin was a gentle giant.. He always had smile on his face.. Melvin always loved to tinker in the garage,he would fix lawn mowers and work on cars. Many times he would mow my parents yard and water their flowers when they were out of town..
I would also see him working at Good Wil, and also him and Judi would volunteer as ushers at the Community Center.. Melvin you will be truly missed!! Heaven gained a True Angel on Wednesday Night!! Kim Lunsford

Kim Lunsford - February 20, 2023 at 07:22 AM

MD

“ Dear Judi and Family, May the God of all comfort surround you with His love and peace! Melvin and you were one of the highlights of my week spending time at the Senior Dance on Wednesday nights! I always admired his unique steps and taking single ladies around the floor! He was a true gentleman! I also admired the way he shared his faith! He could talk about such a large variety of subjects- a Renaissance man! Thank you Melvin for the gift of friendship! You will be greatly missed! Heaven has a new angel!

Mary Anne Day - February 19, 2023 at 11:41 PM

RH

“ I had Melvin and Judi in several of my classes the past several years. We had at least 2 things in common, a love for the Word of God and gardening. I gleaned much information about both from him. He was a great help for us in our transition from Bartlesville to Siloam Springs last summer. Lanora and Melvin had good times sharing when we downsized and brought a lot of things to Good Will where he worked. Will miss him, but heaven is the richer.

Raymond Heiser - February 19, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Hildebrand.*



February 19, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *I knew Melvin & Judi at 55+ where they came dancing every Wednesday night. Melvin loved to dance but stated many times he couldn't, but he had a style all his own which awed everyone there. I bet he asked every woman there to dance at one time or another. I was privileged to dance with him many times and always enjoyed it.*

I and everyone at 55+ will miss him.

He had a happy heart, kind soul and a Christian Spirit.

Barbara Joyce

Barbara Joyce - February 19, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Melvin was our next door neighbor for thirty seven years. He was such a gentle, caring and special person. Melvin fixed and repaired many things over the years. Never asking anything in return. Many caring thoughts are with the family at this moment. An enormous loss for the family and for all of us. Our deepest sympathy to them at this painful time. A tearful goodbye to a loving person.*

Darrell & Barbara Lunsford - February 18, 2023 at 07:36 PM

DS

“Melvin was one of the best neighbors a person could have. He was always helpful with fixing a bike, a lawn mower or car and even helped dig out a tree stump just a few years ago, (he said “I like digging in the dirt.”).

Over the years, I saw many cars drive up to their home across the street & Melvin would help someone fix something. He gave his time and talent easily.

He may have been the most easily recognizable Christian that I knew, had a heart of gold and was unafraid to share God’s word. We will miss him.

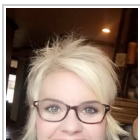
Dan & Pam Schultes

Dan Schultes - February 18, 2023 at 02:16 PM

DB

“I enjoyed my chats with Melvin. Whether it was about soil or small engines, or whatever was on my mind - he was always interested in what was going on in my life. I will miss Melvin, but he is rejoicing in heaven and that makes me smile.

Doug Boudreaux - February 18, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“Melvin had a beautiful soul. Prayers are with you Judi and your family.

Brandi Murnan Vowell - February 18, 2023 at 09:25 AM

MB

“ We lived across the street from Melvin for over 30 years. Melvin loved to fish. He always had a great time in the spring when we would go up to the riffles on the Verdigris River and catch sand bass.

Marshall Bishop

Marshall Bishop - February 17, 2023 at 05:29 PM

ST

“ *Melvin will missed. Prayers for all of the family, especially Judi.*

Sheila Toliver - February 17, 2023 at 02:35 PM



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February 17, 2023 at 11:27 AM