



William "Bill" Grover

January 2, 1941 - May 18, 2026

William (Bill) Clifford Grover, 85, of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at home on May 18, 2026.

Born on January 2, 1941, to Clifford and Grace Grover of Lenapah, Oklahoma. Bill was a proud 1959 graduate of Lenapah High School and attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, graduating in 1961. On May 14, 1963, he married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Neria, in Miami, Oklahoma. They chose South Coffeyville as their forever home, where they raised their children and became fixtures of the community.

Bill began his long career in railroading in 1969 with Missouri Pacific, eventually retiring as a Bridge Foreman with Union Pacific in 2001 after 31 years of dedicated service.

He held fond memories of his upbringing in Lenapah, working at the family business, Lenapah Hay & Grain, and on the family cattle ranch. Beyond his professional life, Bill had a passion for dirt track racing and riding the trails in Colorado. He was also famously proud of his dancing skills and was always ready to hit the floor.

Bill is survived by his brother, Jim Grover of Miami, Oklahoma; his sister, Kay Ward of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; his children, Lisa Davis (Ron) of Park City, Kansas, Gina Elam (Gary) of Miami, Oklahoma, Dee Conwell (Rhonda) of Selmer, Tennessee, and Neat Newcomb (Troy) of Caney, Kansas; as well as six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley, his parents, Clifford and Grace Grover, and his

sisters Marjorie and Ardith Ann.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Friday, June 5th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Native American Community Center (215 Oklahoma St., South Coffeyville, OK). Lunch and drinks will be provided. The family invites you to join them at your leisure and encourages you to bring your best stories to share.

A private family urn burial will take place at the Mt. Washington Cemetery in Lenapah, Oklahoma, at a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Native Community Center
215 Oklahoma Street
South Coffeyville, OK 74072

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I have known Bill for over sixty years. We worked on the MoPac Railroad together and have kept in contact with each other. I spoke with Bill on his 85 th birthday and right after Ms. Neat got him a cell telephone.I believe that everyone that knew Bill has a special Grover story and each of us will remember those events and hold them special as there was only one Bill. Rest In Peace my Friend, you had a special journey thur LIFE.

John Dunsworth - June 01 at 04:14 PM

KA

“ Bill was my uncle but closer to my age than to his oldest sister and my mom Ardyth Ann. She shared lots of memories of childcare responsibilities related to Bill and youngest brother Jim. Seems as if Bill was the ornery one, matching the twinkle I remember as typical of his eyes. So sorry for your loss. Kathy Buttram Adkins

Kathy Adkins - May 28 at 10:51 AM

AB

I'm Alan Buttram, Kathy's brother and Ardyth Ann's son. It's true that I too had a different kind of relationship with both Bill and Jim due to our age differences being only 14 and 12 years respectively. I didn't realize Bill was such a good dancer - wish I had seen him "take a turn on the dance floor"!

Alan Buttram - May 28 at 01:40 PM

PW

“ Bill was a grade below me in high school. I knew the whole family, especially his parents, Kay , Bill and Jim. They were a stalwart family in our community.

Phyllis Willis - May 27 at 08:25 PM

LG

Bill and I were buddies in high school also Tug it's a miracle we graduated if it hadn't been for Wanda chambers we probably wouldn't have anyway Price the principal was glad we was gone

Leon Gillespie - May 29 at 08:33 AM

LG

I forgot Roger mosley, I might add we were very capable of doing our lessons, I forgot Roger mosley

Leon Gillespie - May 29 at 10:06 AM

NP

My Dad and Mom lived just a cross the street from Mr. and Mrs Grover and Roger Mosley's folks house. We came home to eat lunch. All of a sudden there was a noise of cars and they were lined up down the street that is now the street coming in to Lenapah. Mom ran to the Front door to see what was going on. They were waiting on Bill and Roger to come back to their cars. They all went out to the Old Highway to go to school. Us kids was watching it also. That was something to see them leave out and go back to school. They were having a great time.

Nancy Brown Powell - May 29 at 09:16 PM