



## William Edlia Lawrence

October 10, 1949 - June 2, 2019

William Edlia Lawrence, (Ed), as everyone knew him, passed away on Sunday, June 2. Funeral Services will be held at the First Church of God in Nowata at 2pm on Friday June 7th. Interment will be at Nowata Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ed was born on October 10, 1949 to Bill and Betty (Ames) Lawrence in Nowata. He was born on the one-year anniversary of the New Nowata Hospital. Growing up Ed enjoyed riding horses, roping and playing football but he loved his "fishin". Ed graduated Highschool in 1967. He was "Hostile and Agile, Lean and Mean" enough to be picked for Allstate. Ed went on to play a semester of College Football. On April 26, 1969 Ed married Marie Barbee. From that union, was born 2 children, Amy and Bert. 17 years later they were divorced. Later, he was married to Cecilia Sutherlin for several years. Ed worked for Nowata Publishing for over 15 years.

Ed is survived by his Mama, Betty Lawrence of the home, his daughter Amy Reeder of Nowata, and his Son Bert Lawrence and Wife Laura of Delaware, and their families, 3 Sisters, Betty Ann Johnson and Husband Johnny of Bixby, Mary Jo Victory and Husband Bill of Chelsea, Virginia Hamilton and Husband Hank of Dewey. 2 Grandchildren, Jarred West of Nowata and Sarah Lawrence of Delaware. 2 special helpers and friends Michael Reeder and Frank Smart both of Nowata, and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.

Ed is preceded in death by his father Bill Lawrence of Nowata, and his

Granddaughter Jeanann West of Nowata.

# Cemetery Details

## Nowata Memorial Park Cemetery

1100 S. Pecan  
Nowata, OK 74048

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Church of God  
408 South Pine Street  
Nowata, OK 74048

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Edlia Lawrence*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *William Edlia Lawrence*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Flowers Album*



**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 19, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Edlia Lawrence .*



June 07, 2019 at 02:45 PM

AA

“ Alfred W and Joetta L Ames purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Edlia Lawrence .



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**Alfred W and Joetta L Ames** - June 06, 2019 at 12:26 PM

DR

“ Cousin “Edlie”. So, So, SO many good memories of when we were kids! All of us kids riding in the back of Uncle Bill’s Willys Jeep; playing at the swing in the big tree (it seemed big at the time) in your yard in Childers; getting chased out of the yard by the goat after we tried to put him up in that swing; fishing in the river behind your house; running and grabbing the rope hanging in the tree and swinging out into the river; learning to ride Ole Joe (without holding on to the saddle horn); then how to saddle a horse by myself - except for throwing the saddle on and tightening it up after the horse exhaled! gathering the cows; feeding the cows; milking cows and not by those machines...that came later when we were much older - like junior high age? Playing for hours in the loft of the hay barn - well, Edlie was actually putting up the hay while we girls played in the loft; over the years eating about 100 dozen of Aunt Betty’s “best ever” chocolate chip cookies; eating countless meals and WATERMELON sitting on the bench at the kitchen. Hanging on the corral fence watching the wild horses being tamed, steer roping and barrel racing practices. Remember all the family reunions at the Nowata City Park? And the livestock showings at the County fair? Then being so proud (as IF I had anything to do with his ability) as Edlie made countless tackles as a Nowata Ironman football superstar. OH and then - the first cousin to grow up, go to college and get married!!! Oh there’s more, but probably the best memory is that smile of yours! Debbie (Lawrence) Reed

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**Deborah (Lawrence) Reed** - June 06, 2019 at 10:24 AM

DC

“ Dwayne & Katina Holland and friends of Tool Center purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William Edlia Lawrence .



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**Dwayne & Katina Holland and friends of Tool Center** - June 06, 2019 at 09:30 AM

SR

“ Edly”, as my dad called him, was a good man. My family always appreciated when he, Bill, Burt, and any other cowboys were able to come gather or move cattle for us. Between the cowboys, their horses, and dogs, they could get the job done in no time at all. I always felt better about the day when their truck and trailer pulled in and I could see the horses in the back. I knew that I wasn't going to have to chase cattle a mile across plowed fields and creeks. I was especially grateful after it had been raining a lot, knowing that they saved me a lot of time pulling my boots out of the plowed muddy field than actually chasing!

I didn't spend a lot of time with Ed so didn't have much opportunity to get to know him, but I knew that he was a man that my dad respected. I'm sure that Ed and Dad are telling stories about their many times together moving cattle.

Amy, Bert, and the rest of the Lawrence family, I am sorry for your loss.

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**Sarah (LaRue) Rowe** - June 05, 2019 at 10:02 PM

LI

“ I know the pain and sorrow you must feel but it is not your fault .. we all are under the curse of sin. Romans 5:12. Only our Heavenly Father can arrange for us to escape the punishment. The first of this scripture shows that we can thank God for his provisions. Look how He helps us produce loving qualities. Romans 5:1-5

liz - June 05, 2019 at 01:34 PM

SS

“ Prayers for the Family.



Sharon Shelton - June 05, 2019 at 12:29 PM

KF

“ Kathy Ames and the Lewis family purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of William Edlia Lawrence .



Kathy Ames and the Lewis family - June 05, 2019 at 10:01 AM

Lilly Cole

“ Ed" was always such a sweet person, Ty and I enjoyed working with him at Nowata Printing ❤️

Lilly Cole - June 04, 2019 at 11:38 PM