



## William P Punches

June 18, 1943 - October 30, 2025

William “Bill” P. Punches, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma passed away at the age of 82 on Thursday, October 30, 2025. He was born on June 18, 1943, in Shidler, Oklahoma, to William “Bill” Henry Punches and Leota “Faye” Sears Punches. Bill was a 1961 graduate of Nowata High School. After graduation, he attended OSU Okmulgee Tech. Upon graduation, he became a Linesman and an Oilfield Electrician. He worked for various companies in the oil and gas business and enjoyed his time working at Walmart after retiring from the oilfield. Bill loved spending time taking care of his livestock, especially his bottle calves. He delighted in showing his grandchildren all of his animals whenever they would come visit. Bill was always up for a game of pool and would occasionally let his opponent win. Bill is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Peggy Miller; brother-in-law, Meryl Gray; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Gilmore; nephews, Robert Punches and Rodney Punches; and three unborn grandchildren. He is survived by a sister, Gladys Gray; brother, Bob Punches and wife

Janell; his sons, John Gilmore, James and Jessica Punches, and Troy Punches; and his daughter Crystal and Scott Shelton; a dozen grandchildren, JT, Brooke, and Kathleen Gilmore, Katie and Tim Gallop, Aubrey and Gavin Leeth, Emily Shelton, Kyler, Keagan, Kynlee, Karstyn, Kollyns, and Kolton Punches; 4 great grandchildren; a special friend, Carol Davis; and numerous other family and friends.

A graveside service will be Tuesday, November 4 at 10:00 am at The Nowata Cemetery in Nowata, Oklahoma

# Cemetery Details

## Nowata Cemetery

Nowata, OK

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 4. 10:00 AM.

Nowata Cemetery  
Nowata, OK

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ I will miss Bill and the big hug I got every time I saw him. He was always a special cousin. Sweet condolences to your family during this time of loss.  
Sincerely,  
Connie Collins



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**Connie Collins** - November 02, 2025 at 07:16 PM

MF

“ Our deepest sympathy to JW and Troy and the Punches Family in the passing of your dad. I just sat by Bill about 2 weeks ago at the livestock sale. Rest in peace my friend.  
Darrell and Margie Ford

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**Marjorie Ford** - November 02, 2025 at 04:37 PM

QG

“ I grew up with Troy. I remember Bill and his family took me in as one of their own when I would visit. I have fond memories spending time with them. Sending love and prayers.

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**Quentin Gilkey** - November 02, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JG

“ Our deepest sympathy.

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**Jonh & Sharon Gilkey** - November 02, 2025 at 02:15 PM

BG

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



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**Brooke Gilmore** - November 02, 2025 at 10:40 AM

RL

“ *As Crystal's friend in high school, Bill was always kind to me. I remember he loved buying used Cadillacs because you could get so much luxury for such an affordable price! He had a unique blend of engagement and practicality! Bill's family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Roy Lamoreaux** - November 02, 2025 at 02:08 AM

SS

“ Bill, my father-in-law will never be forgotten, I have many fond memories of Bill, starting with the first time I met him in person and he questioned the older guy and my intents for his daughter in Bible College, having met her online I think blew his mind. If I was asked one word to describe Bill to me it would be "Protector". Even if you had harsh arguments, or feelings were hurt, he never stopped looking after his own. I saw that first in the way he looked after his daughter and sons, he might give them a hard time, but no one else better do it. After I married Crystal, that protection umbrella covered me as well, many times in our early marriage Bill and Wanda, provided us with anything we needed, from groceries, to household items, or money, Bill even let us use his truck for our honeymoon in the ice storm of '99. We knew that no matter how bad things got, we always had a place to go. Several years later, Protector Bill encompassed that same protection to my 3 daughters, he was sure not to miss any of their births, and we have many life memory pictures of him holding his grandbabies, and other pics throughout their life with him. I was so glad our daughters got to spend a day with just him and them a month before he passed away, Bill will always hold a place in our hearts, Love you Bill.

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**scott shelton** - November 01, 2025 at 09:07 PM

BK

“ Barbara Ketchum lit a candle in memory of William P PUNCHES



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**Barbara Ketchum** - November 01, 2025 at 09:18 AM