



## James Edward Campbell

March 4, 1931 - February 15, 2017

The Memorial Service for James Campbell, age 85, will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 25, 2017, at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel.

James was born to James and Emma (Romang) Campbell on March 4, 1931, on the farmstead north of Breckinridge, and passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2017, in Purcell. The only boy of seven children, James was raised on the family farm with his first education being at a one-room schoolhouse, Union. His sisters have mentioned that he would often saddle his horse to ride the 1/8th mile to school. James later attended Garber Public Schools, where he was active in Future Farmers of America. Upon graduation, he began his college education at Oklahoma A & M. After one year, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served for two years at Ft. Lewis in the state of Washington, achieving the rank of Corporal. With the end of the Korean Conflict, James resumed his college education at Oklahoma A & M, where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and the National Champion Livestock Judging Team for the university. James received his bachelors degree in animal husbandry in 1957. It was there James met Laura Ellen Kerby, who became his wife on October 25, 1957, being wed at her home in Deer Creek. After graduation, James was the cattle herdsman for Oklahoma A & M Angus Cattle Ranch located in Sand Springs. He returned to the family farm and began his life-long career as a farmer/rancher in the Breckinridge area, spending many hours working with his good friend Walter

Johnson. James was active in Future Farmers of America, receiving many honors, including State Chapter Farmer, Honorary Chapter Farmer, and Honorary State Farmer.

James is survived by his children: Barbara Rice, Alan Campbell, Jack Campbell, and Steven Campbell; eight grandchildren: Elizabeth Abbott, Abigail Rice, Leah Stewart, Jack Bartlett Campbell, Austin Campbell, Ian Campbell, Megan Campbell and Darby Campbell; four great-grandchildren: Campbell Mae Abbott, Benjamin Parker Abbott, Addison Paige Rice, and Emma Lynn Stewart; and sisters Shirley Mack and Velma Ferguson.

James was preceded in death by his wife, parents and four sisters. Rest in Peace Tig.

Memorials may be made to Garber FFA Chapter or Paradise Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

**Paradise Cemetery**

Breckinridge, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edward Campbell.*



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February 23, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ *James was my only uncle on either side. When I was very young we used to spend a weekend at the farm every month or so and he was always around and more than happy to show a city boy how to do things like feed chickens and milk cows. Later we used to visit the A&M farm in Sand Springs, which was fairly near where we lived in Tulsa, and I particularly remember harvesting pecans and mistletoe there. We also share the same birthday for which I owe him my name and am proud to have it.*

*Jim Ferguson*

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**James Ferguson** - February 20, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *The first time I met James Campbell was at a Garber high school football game. Steve and I had just started dating and had come from OSU to spend the evening with his folks. Upon meeting me, he shook my hand and asked me how the weather was in Joplin (my home town). Of course I had no idea since I was in college and hadn't been home for several weeks! He was a man of few words, but weather was a topic he always loved to talk about. Susan Campbell*

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**Susan Campbell** - February 17, 2017 at 05:09 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Campbell.*



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February 17, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Edward Campbell.*



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February 17, 2017 at 12:41 PM