



## Ken Bolenbaugh

November 3, 1940 - May 19, 2023

Our beloved husband and father, Ken Bolenbaugh, went home to be with Jesus May 19, 2023. Ken was born November 3, 1940 to Donald and Hazel Schlottog Bolenbaugh.

He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 60 years, Sheryl, along with three children Sherri Downs and husband Ty, Terra Corey and husband Gary and Ty Bolenbaugh, six grandchildren, Lacey Downs Shoemaker and husband, Ryan Shoemaker, Logan Downs, Jessica Corey, Emily Corey, Karley Bolenbaugh and Aron Bolenbaugh, and one great grandchild, Charlie Shoemaker.

Ken graduated from Hillsdale High School in 1959 and attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University where he met the love of his life, Sheryl. They were married on February 9, 1963 at the Carrier Church. Ken spent his life farming and ranching in the Carrier and surrounding areas until retiring and moving to Enid three years ago. He was a good neighbor and great friend to many. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Neil.

Our family wants to thank the staff of St Mary's Hospital and Brookdale Assisted Living for their care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation - Heart Division or a school or non- profit of your choice.

Services will be held at Anderson Burriss Funeral Home in Enid, on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:00 am followed by burial at the Rosehill Cemetery in Carrier, OK.

## Cemetery Details

### Rose Hill Cemetery

Carrier, OK

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

MAY 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel  
3002 N. Van Buren  
Enid, OK 73703  
<http://www.andersonburriss.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Pursuing a memory, I googled Ken Bolenbaugh's name just now and learn that he died. My deepest and most sincere sympathies to the family. He was a very great man. I worked for Ken Bolenbaugh on the Wheat Harvest in 1977. We traveled from Carrier up to Brenford South Dakota, cutting wheat as we went. I came from the east coast with absolutely no farming experience. I had just finished my first year of college. Who knows why Ken decided to hire me. But I am very glad that he did. Learned more in that summer, and not just about farming, than nearly any other time in my life. Ken gave me a great deal of encouragement and also, when he saw that I was willing to work and learn, he gave me respect. Despite my utter lack of skill, Ken saw potential in me and helped me realize it. This was incredibly important for me. It gave me a lot of confidence in myself. I still think of him when I think about leadership and also basic decency. I have fond memories of my summer working in Oklahoma and for Ken. I wish the family all the best and I hope that they were able to celebrate the memory of Ken. He was a good man. best, Gary Herrigel (every one called me "Doc" back in 1977)

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**Gary Herrigel** - April 03, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BK

“ Ken was my best friend in high school.

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**Bill R Kirton** - June 18, 2023 at 04:20 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Anderson Burriss Funeral Home** - May 30, 2023 at 11:10 AM

TC

“ *The first time I came to Enid with Travis to meet his family, I also met Ken and Sheryl -- maybe even first, lol, as Travis probably wanted to go check cows with Ken. :) He was so special to us, and we were so honored to have them visit Montana twice. His legacy lives on in the skills and knowledge Travis uses every day of his life today. We love you Ken, and will miss you.*

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**Tamara Choat** - May 24, 2023 at 11:01 PM

KS

“ *terra just wanted to say you are in our prayers for you eileen and ken stephens*

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**ken stephens** - May 24, 2023 at 08:46 PM

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“ Cheryl and family,

*We are so very sorry for your loss. It is hard to find the words to express what Ken has meant to our boys and our family. I remember when Travis came home from school one day and said that Ken was looking for some help and asked Wayne Simpson if he could recommend someone from his ag class at Chisholm. Wayne had recommended Travis and Travis was more than happy to quit sacking groceries and go work on a farm. Two years later, Eric rode along with his brother and that was the beginning of a lifelong friendship for both of them with Ken and your whole family. They both learned so much while working for Ken. They learned those things that sometimes are harder to learn from parents. They certainly learned how to work hard, often with long hours. They learned how to follow instructions, get down on themselves and get back up and go again. They learned farming and ranching from one of the best, which Travis has carried into his vocation and Eric still enjoys in his spare time. They learned how to take machinery and equipment apart and put it back together because Ken believed in getting his money's worth out of every piece. I know for a fact that Travis learned how to keep his pickup together with baling wire and duct tape! I will admit I sometimes worried about the safety of the boy's driving one certain little blue pickup . I am happy to say they both survived! I know there were times that Ken was probably wondering what he had gotten into since neither of the boys had any real farming experience, but I think in the long run they would all do it all over again. I hope you and your family will take some comfort in knowing how very much Ken did by taking our boys under his wing and how much it meant to Brad and I.*

*God's blessings and His comfort to you all in the days ahead.*

*Brad and Gloria Choat*

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**Bead and Gloria Choat** - May 22, 2023 at 03:15 PM