



## Leslie Gilbert Grimm

March 6, 1949 - June 11, 2021

Celebration of Life Service for Leslie Grimm, 72 of Tonkawa, will be Saturday, June 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation will follow the service.

At 11:32 Friday night, June 11, 2021, Leslie turned in his change of address form from his earthly home to his heavenly home, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven.

Leslie Gilbert Grimm was born March 6, 1949, in Eureka, Kansas to Chester and Ruth (Pape) Grimm and joined older brother Allen. In 1951, the family moved to Tonkawa, Oklahoma, where they made their home in the old Prisoner of War Camp. Two sisters were born after the family moved to Tonkawa. Les attended school from kindergarten through High School in Tonkawa and 3 semesters at Northern Oklahoma College. He went on to attend Oklahoma State University graduating with a BS in Science. Les then attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, earning a Masters in Religious Education. He continued to take many college classes to further his learning.

For the next 37 years, Leslie dedicated his life to teaching math, science, Bible and computer to Junior and Senior High School students in Christian Schools in Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He taught 16 years at

Oklahoma Bible Academy in Enid. His passion was to bring his students to a fuller understanding of the Lord in their lives. After retiring, he and Lou returned to Tonkawa and he taught at Northern Oklahoma College as an adjunct professor in the physics department and taught physics labs. He was awarded the Adjunct Teacher of the year.

On August 24, 1968, Les married his high school sweetheart, Lou Ellen Zehner. Les and Lou Ellen had two sons, Wade Russell Grimm born in 1980 and Kyle Andrew Grimm born in 1986.

Leslie was a self-made man of many traits. He was an excellent carpenter, refinishing several houses which they then made their home. During his teen years, he along with his brother, Allen, and his dad disassembled old houses and used the wood for their church or sold it for money to complete their project. He was very knowledgeable with computers and their inner workings. God placed a man in Les' life that needed help organizing his barn. Before long Les had torn apart an old pickup and put it back in running order and then he went on to do home repairs in the house. The last five summers were spent in the high plains country of Colorado on a cattle ranch. Les helped with the cattle, remodeled the old ranch house into an Airbnb, refinished furniture he found in the barn and was always checking, fixing and moving irrigation water. Les and Lou also were grave walkers and delighted in finding relatives gravestones. They documented and photographed them for submission to Find-A-Grave website. A special hobby of his was astronomy. He loved looking through his telescope especially in the dark sky of Colorado.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents, Chester A and Ruth Pape Grimm.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lou Ellen; son and wife, Wade and Amanda Grimm, their children, Hunter, Brayden, Jaxon, Zayden, Emma and

Victoria of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; son, Kyle Grimm and Becca of Chickasha, their children, Kayleigh Grimm and Kelsi Campbell of Enid, and Emrie Grimm of Chickasha; brother and wife, Allen and Beverly Grimm; sisters and husbands, DeAnne and Jimmie Wall, Mariam and Bill Corbett; brother-in-law, Oren and wife Patricia Zehner; nine nieces and nephews.

Leslie was of the Lutheran faith attending Country Church, west of Newkirk. He will be interred in the Lamont Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made through Anderson-Burriss to St. John's Lutheran Country Church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful life! We are so sorry to hear of his passing, Lou Ellen. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Debbie and Ken Gregorich*

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**Debbie Gregorich** - June 19, 2021 at 01:54 PM

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“ *I have many good memories of the days I taught with Les and Lou at Grace Christian Academy in Oklahoma City. They were both solid Christian professionals that I have enjoyed claiming as friends. The teaching staff took a trip to Winona Lake Indiana one summer for a week of training and we went in a caravan of cars with Les driving the lead car. Whether he did it on purpose or not, we never knew for sure, he always took us on what he called "the scenic route". My condolences especially to Lou and to all the family that will surely miss him. May God comfort you all with His presence and His peace.*

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**Faye Bertelmann** - June 15, 2021 at 08:25 PM

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“ *When the class of '89 boys put a dissected cat head in his coffee cup, he never acted like it phased him one bit. (I have video proof.) Calm, cool and collected was the epitome of Mr. Grimm. RIP, Sir. Prayers for the family.*

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**Lisa Lemons** - June 15, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leslie Gilbert Grimm.*



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June 14, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *I hired Les and an adjunct professor of Physical Science and Earth Science at Northern Oklahoma College. Les was a joy to work with and always had a smile and a friendly word for his colleagues. He will be greatly missed. We had many conversations about his love for the mountains and his summers spent in Colorado. I am blessed to have known Les Grimm.*

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**Tricia Moore** - June 14, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *I worked with Les several years at OBA. Less solidified our son's love for science. My family always had a tremendous respect for Les Grimm.*

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**Edward Lyon** - June 14, 2021 at 06:15 PM