



Roger Willis Groves

April 19, 1949 - April 6, 2023

Funeral service for Roger Groves, 73 of Enid, will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Cedar Ridge Wesleyan Church with Pastor's Ron Olson and Max Colaw officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Anderson-Burris Funeral Home and Crematory.

Roger W. Groves, age 73, died on April 6th, 2023 at Integris Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born in Oklahoma City at the Deaconess Home for Unwed mothers. He was adopted by Fred and Grace Groves and grew up on the family farm southwest of Drummond. Roger attended grade school at Drummond and graduated from Enid High School in 1967. He graduated from Miltonvale Wesleyan College, with an associate of arts degree and played basketball and soccer. In 1970, Roger married Sherry Wheeler and they had two sons, Travis and Wesley. He attended Oklahoma State University and later obtained a BS from Phillips University. In 1971, Roger joined the Air Force and was an instructor pilot and flight test pilot for 6 years at Vance Air Force Base. At McConnell AFB he flew HH1H helicopter air rescue for 4 years. He joined the Air National Guard in 1985 and flew C130H model planes. He volunteered and served in Desert Storm. Roger retired from the Air Guard as Lt. Colonel. In 1986, he joined American Airlines & Flew for 23 years retiring in 2009. Roger was a Captain, check airman, & FAA designee for American.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish & hunt. Roger owned &

operated Groves Outdoor Sports in Enid for 6 years. In 2003, he married LaDonna Provost Merrifield. They farmed & ranched north of Enid on the Orchard Hill Angus Fram. They enjoyed 19 happy years together.

Roger was a kind man who loved his family, his church, and his country.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Chuck, son Wesley, and grandson Devon.

He is survived by his wife Ladonna, son Travis, grandson, Wyatt and sister, Carolyn.

Memorials may be made in Roger's name to Cedar Ridge Wesleyan Church or Gideons International.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Ridge Wesleyan Church
5101 W. Randolph Ave.
Enid, OK 73703

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Willis Groves.*



April 10, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Willis Groves.*



April 10, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Ladonna I am so sad that Roger has past. You two seem like such a great couple. 19 years together. That is awesome. Know my heart prayers and hugs go out to you and your family. Love you girl. Lean on the Lord for strength and comfort* ❤️

Violet Brinkley - April 08, 2023 at 11:39 AM



LaDonna, I wish that I could attend Roger's funeral, but I'm going to have surgery Tuesday ! Love You !

Donald Goss - April 09, 2023 at 05:43 PM

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*LaDonna,
Roger was so good to my husband and myself. Was our neighbor for many years. He was exceptionally kind. I have you in my prayers and thoughts.*

Darlene Combs - April 10, 2023 at 09:42 AM

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LaDonna, Jon and I send our love and prayers. May Roger be in the arms of Jesus, the arms of our Lord that embrace you also.

emily hulseley - April 22, 2023 at 03:06 PM