



Derryl Hasting Cantrell

November 21, 1939 - April 30, 2026

Derryl Hasting Cantrell, 86, a long time resident of McAlester Oklahoma, was born on November 21st, 1939 in Stigler, Oklahoma to John and Estus Mangrum Cantrell. He passed away on April 30th, 2026, at his home in Bella Vista, Arkansas. Derryl graduated from Stigler High School in 1958 and enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served as an Electronic Technician. He was discharged in 1962 with the rank of ET Second Class. On July 1, 1962, Derryl married the love of his life, Evelyn JoAnn Grant. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, education, and hard work. They lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Derryl worked for Century Instruments and Electronics before moving to McAlester in 1964. There, he began a long career with Rockwell International, later acquired by Boeing, serving as Quality Control Technical Specialist.

Derryl believed strongly in education and lifelong learning. He earned an associate degree from Eastern Oklahoma State College in 1969 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1975.

He was active in numerous professional and civic organizations, including the American Legion, Civil Air Patrol, and the Experimental Aircraft Association, among others. He also held several licenses and certifications, including an amateur radio license, private pilot's license, and certification as a Quality Engineer.

Derryl was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn JoAnn Cantrell; his parents,

John and Estus Cantrell; his brother, Wayne Cantrell; and his sister, Debbie McElroy.

He is survived by his daughters, Vickie Schubert and Brian, Audra Dreas and Scott; three grandchildren, Buffy Lincks, Aaron Dreas, and Amber Jackson; two great-grandchildren, Aria and Oliver Jackson; and two sisters, Wanda Boothe and Pam Stubblefield.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, 2:00 P.M. at the Church of Christ in Stigler, Oklahoma. Mr. Virgil Cantrell as Minister, and Eulogist; Ed Tatman. Pallbearers; Aaron Dreas, David Cantrell, Chase Cantrell, Trey McMahan, Kaleb Lee, Josh Mahan. Honorary Pallbearers; Wayne Boothe, Doyle McElroy, Steve Stubblefield, Tracy Lee.

Derryl will be remembered with love and respect by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

ANTIOCH CEMETERY

Stigler, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 6. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

KING AND SHEARWOOD FUNERAL HOME
808 EAST MAIN
STIGLER, OK 74462
(918) 967-0044
info@kingandshearwoodfh.com
<https://KINGANDSHEARWOODFUNERALHOME.COM>

Viewing

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

CHURCH OF CHRIST
502 SE. A STREET
STIGLER, OK 74462
(918) 967-2168

Funeral Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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*The gentle giant and oldest daughter Vickie.
Derryl was one of the nicest person I had ever met.*

Kim Eatmon - May 09 at 03:26 AM