



Howard Wesley Varnell

October 15, 1936 - October 17, 2025

Howard Wesley Varnell, 89, of Porum passed away on Friday, October 17, 2025 at his home. He was born on October 15, 1936 at Fittstown, Oklahoma to Herbert and Verna (Greenhall) Varnell. He grew up in Porum and graduated from Porum High School in 1954. Construction work moved him around for many years before settling in Frierson, Louisiana for the next 25 years. He returned home to Porum in 2000 to be closer to his children and grandchildren. After traveling around with his construction career he wanted to settle on the lake. Howard enjoyed water skiing, fishing and black powder shooting. He was a member of the Sabine Valley Muzzle loading shooting club in Texas. He also enjoyed playing his guitar with his family and friends. He loved spending time with his grandchildren at his lakeside home.

Howard is survived by his daughters, Janie Mendenhall and husband Jim of Porum, Debra Hyslop of Porum, Naomi Varnell and husband Jacob Couch of Frierson, Louisiana; grandchildren, Tina and Todd Ross, Jessie Smith, Jamie and Melissa Hyslop, Brooke and Trampas Tripp, Carley Martin; great grandchildren, Tennisee and husband Eric, Jeremiah, Jesse Jr., Delilah, Aalieghyah, Eava, Jackson, Josey, Wyley, Gabriel, Asa, Memphis, Keegan, Xander; 9 great great grandchildren; one brother, Homer Varnell of Camanche, OK. He is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Verna Varnell; his former wife, Fairrell Varnell; two brothers, Carlile and Herbert Varnell Jr.; his son in law, Lonnie Hyslop.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday, October 24, 2025 at Porum First

Baptist Church with Mr. Billy Fowler officiating. The eulogist will be Blaine Ross. Pallbearers will be Memphis Tripp, Jessie Smith Jeremiah Head, Eric Westfall, Gabriel Hyslop and Gary Varnell. Honorary pallbearers will be Trampas Tripp and Jamie Hyslop. Burial will follow at Coleman Cemetery under the direction of King & Shearwood Funeral Home of Stigler.

Cemetery Details

COLEMAN CEMETERY

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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OCT **23**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church ~ Porum
Porum, OK

Tribute Wall

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“ His other grandchildren is Delilah, Aalieghyah, Eava and Jackson. Grandpa Howard was a great man. I always loved Thanksgiving Christmas and family reunions with him. I loved sitting and listening to his life stories, and him sing. He will forever be missed 💔
FLY HIGH GRANDPA

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