



## James Sonny Leird

August 10, 1935 - September 2, 2015

Mr. James Sonny Leird, 80 of Whitefield passed away Wednesday September 2, 2015 at Eastar Hospital in Muskogee. He was born on August 10, 1935 in Stigler to Dewey Leird and Vivian (Linton) Leird. Sonny grew up on Beaver Mountain. He worked in construction building homes, owned an insulation business, operated a service station, and worked at King and Shearwood Funeral Home for nineteen years. In 1957, while working in Peru, Iowa he met Iva, and two months after meeting they were married. Fifty seven years, three daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren later, he continued to tell Iva everyday he loved her. He loved his three daughters and all his grandchildren. He was one of a kind who never met a stranger. He loved life and was well known for his love of southern gospel music. He loved Jesus and was a faithful member of Whitefield Baptist Church. He loved camping, fishing, and riding motorcycles with Iva. He often joked with his younger friends that he only ran with them because they were younger and people his age were just too old. He will always be remembered as having a smile, hug, and handshake for everyone he met.

He is survived by his wife, Iva Leird of the home; three daughters, Brenda Reading and husband Gary of Lequire, Sharron McGrath of Whitefield, Karran Cowett Leird of Rocky Ridge; seven grandchildren, Tony Roberts, Melody Leird, Dixie Cowett, Shanaaha Cowett, Brian Reading, Holly Webster, Amanda Ford; ten great grandchildren; two sister-in-laws, Jean Leird, Shirley Leird; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Vivian Leird; two sisters, Alyne Maxwell and husband Pete, Laverne Xander; two brothers, Wallace Leird, John D. Leird; one grandson, James Dewey Leird.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Whitefield Baptist Church with Reverend Doug Miller officiating and Mr. Virgil Cantrell delivering the eulogy. Pallbearers include, Rick Bumpers, Don Mathis, Ron McGuire, Bob Self, Gene Butler, and Kenneth Stiles. Honorary Pallbearers include, Johnny Bray, Cole Bryce, Frank Linton, Jerry Hayes, Don Johnson, Floyd Coffey, Troy Van Tassle, and James Parker.

Burial will immediately follow at Whitefield Cemetery under the direction of King and Shearwood Funeral Home of Stigler.

# Cemetery Details

**WHITEFIELD CEMETERY**

## Previous Events

### **FAMILY VISITATION**

SEP **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.E. SHEARWOOD MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
808 EAST MAIN  
STIGLER, OK  
(918) 967-0044  
kingwood4@sbcglobal.net  
<http://KINGANDSHEARWOODFUNERALHOME.COM>

### **SERVICE**

SEP **6**. 2:00 PM (CT)

WHITEFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH  
108 S. REDDING  
WHITEFIELD, OK 74472  
(918) 967-2930

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ *Frances Shearwood Coughran And Bob lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Frances Shearwood Coughran and Bob** - September 17, 2015 at 05:40 PM

BV

“ *BRITTANY VANDOLAH lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**BRITTANY VANDOLAH** - September 06, 2015 at 11:16 AM

JL

“ *Our prayers are with the Leird family...*



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**John & Carol (Leird) Lamar** - September 06, 2015 at 08:50 AM

KS

“ *KR & Earlene Stiles lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**KR & Earlene Stiles** - September 06, 2015 at 08:39 AM

KR

*For our Friend and Hero*

KR - September 06, 2015 at 08:40 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Wise lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



Kathy Wise - September 06, 2015 at 07:54 AM

 Billie Jones

“ *Billie Jones lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



Billie Jones - September 05, 2015 at 01:42 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Madden lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



sharon madden - September 05, 2015 at 12:38 PM

PH

“ *Karran and family: My sincere condolences at the passing of your dad. His memory will always remain with you. God bless you all.*  
*PATTI HAYES, Muskogee*

patti hayes - September 05, 2015 at 10:33 AM

LM

“ *Linda Mayhall lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



Linda Mayhall - September 05, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the Leird family. Sonny was a wonderful person and always shown kindness to our family in so many ways. He will be missed here.*



Kim Cravens Hall - September 05, 2015 at 08:55 AM

KB

“ *So happy to have known Mr. Sonny Leird. He was always trying to bring a smile and joy to everyone he visited . My heart is so sad for your loss.*

Kaye Barlow - September 05, 2015 at 08:53 AM



“ *Sandy Poteet lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



Sandy Poteet - September 05, 2015 at 08:26 AM

DO

“ *Sonny was tremendous man and loved Jesus! He was unashamed of the Lord. He was my friend, and it did not matter how it had been when saw each other; he was always Sonny! He greatly encouraged me as a preacher of the Gospel. Some day I will see him again "just over in the glory land"!*

**doug** - September 05, 2015 at 08:14 AM

LA

“ *Lillie Amos lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



**Lillie Amos** - September 05, 2015 at 06:50 AM

BS

“ *I know Sonny as being "SUNNY". always friendly and lifting your spirit. Loved hearing him sing. Sonny is an icon in Haskell County and his presence always brought a smile. Of all people, he will be greatly missed. I want to sing harmony with him when I get to Heaven. Love Iva and girls*

**Bonnie sanders** - September 05, 2015 at 06:28 AM

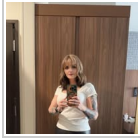


Stephanie Haden

“ *Stephanie Haden lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



**Stephanie Haden** - September 05, 2015 at 01:44 AM



“ *Michelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Michelle Brewer** - September 04, 2015 at 11:50 PM



“ *Carla Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Carla Valenzuela** - September 04, 2015 at 11:01 PM

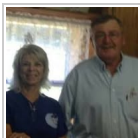


“ *Brenda Worsham lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**brenda worsham** - September 04, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ *Trudy Bowen lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Trudy Bowen** - September 04, 2015 at 09:30 PM



“ Sharon Davis lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird



Sharon Davis - September 04, 2015 at 08:51 PM



“ Phyllis Belcher lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird



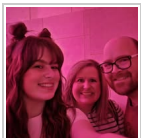
Phyllis Belcher - September 04, 2015 at 08:45 PM



“ Shanna Grogan lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird



Shanna Grogan - September 04, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ Stacey Collins lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird



Stacey Collins - September 04, 2015 at 05:20 PM

RC

“ *Robin Cook lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Robin Cook** - September 04, 2015 at 04:35 PM

SR

“ *Sherita Roberts lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Sherita Roberts** - September 04, 2015 at 02:33 PM

TW

“ *Tamra Williams lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Tamra Williams** - September 04, 2015 at 10:43 AM

CW

“ *Sonny always had a smile and a joke for me or i would love watching him talk about his motorcycle trips, garden and family. We will miss him greatly but i rest assured in the knowledge I will see him again one day! We love you Iva, Sharon, Karran, and family so sorry for your loss. I remember when we played bunco and it was Iva's turn to cook she would always make sure Sonny got some we would have all the good stuff out of the garden, canned beets (my favorite) and homemade ice cream!*

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**Cary and Lorna Wickersham** - September 04, 2015 at 09:50 AM

CW

“ *Cary And Lorna Wickersham lit a candle in memory of James Sonny Leird*



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**Cary and Lorna Wickersham** - September 04, 2015 at 09:41 AM