



H M Pannell

May 26, 1942 - November 28, 2019

Rapid Roberts lost a loyal customer on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019. H.M. Pannell has enjoyed his last cup of coffee on this earth. He passed from this life with his family holding his hands and his darling wife of 56 years kissing his forehead. He is now reunited with Bart and Beau.

He was a family man, a friend, an educator, a locksmith, a marksman, an airman, a reserve police officer, a carpenter, a poet, an artist, a genealogy buff...the list goes on. A true jack of all trades, he could fix anything and he frequently did fix everything for his family and friends.

Hugh Morris Pannell was born on May 26, 1942 to Jewel Violet and Homer Monroe Pannell in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

In 1956, when he was 14, he convinced recruiters he was a bit older than he was and enlisted. He spent 2 years serving in the Army National Guard and Air Force. Upon discharge, he was really, really excited to return home.

H.M. was a graduate of Pauls Valley High School and earned his Master of Education from East Central University in Ada, OK.

He met the love of his life, Betty Jean Wright during high school and they were married on April 12, 1963. Together they built a life and had two children, Bart and Amy.

H.M. was a teacher and Assistant Principal for the Pauls Valley School System from 1968 to 1995. He was known as a firm, but fair administrator and was well-liked by his students. In 1985, he started his second career, Surelock Safe and Lock. The business values were the same, "Honesty" and "Integrity",

which H.M. demonstrated throughout his life.

During the later years of his life his biggest joys included fishing and playing SCRABBLE with his granddaughters, golfing, tinkering in his shop and hanging out at the gun store and coffee shop joking around with his friends. We want him to know that he was the best and he did a great job. His was a life well-lived and he will be greatly missed.

Surviving family members include his wife, Betty of the home, daughter, Amy Pannell Krokstrom and her husband Karl of Oklahoma City, granddaughters Allyson and Masyn Pannell of Blanchard, Oklahoma and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

H.M. was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Kathryn, Kenneth and Helen, and his beloved son Bart.

We invite you to celebrate his life on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Pauls Valley United Methodist church. In lieu of flowers, please live your best life, hold your family and friends close, and if you so choose, donate to the charity of your choice.

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK 73075
(405) 238-7574
woosterfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net

Visitation

DEC 2. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley
407 N. Willow Street
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of H M Pannell*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 01, 2019 at 03:26 PM

MM

Beautiful! ❤️😭

Mary Morris - December 01, 2019 at 10:25 PM



Henry Caves

Beautiful memories

Henry Caves - December 02, 2019 at 08:23 PM

KS

What a lovely obit. Mr. Pannell was such a kind, caring man but did it in such a strong, quiet, confident way. I had him as a middle school assistant principal (if I remember correctly) and was quite intimidated by him until I had the hiccups and he put a pencil behind my ear to make them stop, it worked. Then as a young mother my daughter locked the car I'd left running to keep her cool on a hot day while I ran in to drop a movie in at discount video. (Lesson learned that day) She was only in there for minutes but I was panic stricken and the police and business owner were not very comforting. As soon as I heard Mr. Pannell's voice on the phone, I felt comforted, I knew he would help me and everything would be okay...and he showed up quickly and unlocked the door. Mr. Pannell was a very positive male role model in a world that really needs them. His contributions were simple and humble but many and great. The world and this community was blessed to have had him. Kristin (Rude) Smith

Kristin Smith - December 02, 2019 at 11:38 PM



Wonderful memories.

Wilma Jones - December 03, 2019 at 08:57 AM



Wonderful memories. He will be missed by many.

Dianna Farris - December 03, 2019 at 10:55 AM



Beautiful tribute & beautiful service.

Carol Ingram - December 06, 2019 at 10:02 AM



Very sorry to hear about passing of our old buddy. Bob and Bill Good.

BILL GOOD - December 09, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *H M Pannell*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM

AN

“ *Fond memories of childhood!*

My deepest respect to Mr. Pannell.

Mr. Pannell was my 4th grade school teacher. That was back in 1974-1975.

He was tough, but fair. He expected a lot out of us and he brought the best out of us as his students.

I remember Ray "Bunky" Jones and I got to laughing one day and couldn't stop so Mr. Pannell took us down to "the woodshed" and gave us a couple of swats with his paddle. That was back when discipline was allowed in school. Those swats hurt...but they were well deserved.

He called us by our last names which I thought was pretty cool...no first names unless he really wanted our attention.

I drew his name for the classroom Christmas party. So I asked my mom to go buy him a box of cigars which she did. He loved them.

I live in Colorado now... but everytime I smell pipe smoke, I think of Mr Pannell. I think it was Prince Albert cherry tobacco is what he smoked.

Those were good memories.

Mr Pannell, thank you for being a great teacher!

anonymous - December 09, 2019 at 10:30 PM

JB

“ I was a bit younger than HM but knew HM growing up. I confess he was a "hero" to me. A really good guy and definitely a person who thought out of the box. He will be missed. Best wishes to Betty and the family.

John or Johnny Brewer - December 05, 2019 at 03:08 PM

RL

“ Rachel Lasley lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell



Rachel Lasley - December 04, 2019 at 04:13 PM

BG

To my old Pauls Valley high school band buddy. We were the tuba section of the band under Charles Vann band director. Betty and I were buddies since first grade at Jackson school. A great time to grow up in PV. You and Betty got the very best out of life. Your friend Bill Good

BILL GOOD - December 09, 2019 at 11:55 AM

AB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Harry and Mark Thompson
Mickey and Amy Brown

Amy Brown - December 04, 2019 at 01:10 PM

WA

“ *Waymolene Abel lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Waymolene Abel - December 03, 2019 at 08:14 PM

BF

“ *He was truly a great teacher. He was so strict but fair. He taught me a lot about my class work and about life. Some people have lasting impressions on people and don't even realize it. He was one of those for me a lost young child. That he helped to guide in a good direction. Sorry for your loss. Brenda Foster*

brenda foster - December 03, 2019 at 11:13 AM

JW

“ *Betty and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. H. M. was such a fine man. He was a true asset to Pauls Valley and will not only be missed by his family but by the entire community. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*
Judy Irwin Weaver



Judy Irwin Weaver - December 02, 2019 at 09:33 PM

MB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Betty. My prayers for you and your family. What a great tribute written about. His life.*

Michaela Bishop - December 02, 2019 at 05:05 PM

Onema
Stewart

“ *My heart is breaking for your family! Mr. Pannell was the best social studies teacher/assistant principal I could have ever asked for. He made me believe in myself and the person I would become. He is a major factor for why I am in education and definitely the reason I am an administrator. God bless you all.*



Onema Stewart - December 02, 2019 at 12:50 PM

PA

“ *Pam lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Pam - December 02, 2019 at 10:25 AM

LL

“ *Mr. Pannell was a kind and wonderful man. He always teased me about locking my keys in my car. My condolences to his family.*



Linda Lawton - December 01, 2019 at 09:19 PM

TH

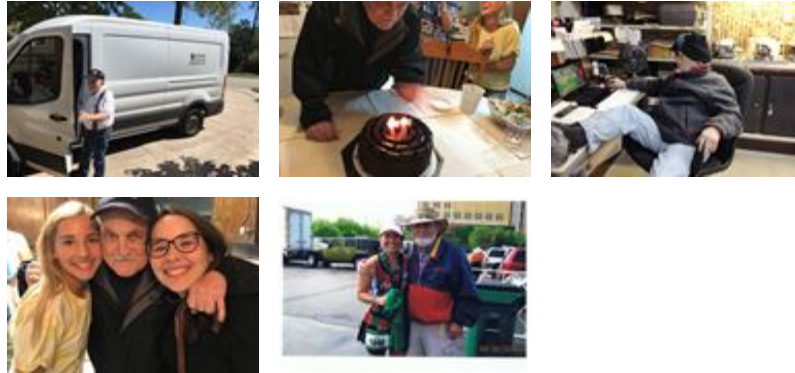
“ *Tina McCarty Hume lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Tina McCarty Hume - December 01, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 01, 2019 at 03:01 PM

RS

“ *HM was my cousin, my math teacher in fifth grade, (always Mr. Pannell, not HM) and my genealogy buddy. The Hodges Family and the family of Dewey Foster send our condolences to Betty, Amy and family and friends.*



Robin Hodges Schwartz - December 01, 2019 at 01:25 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Robin Hodges Schwartz - December 01, 2019 at 01:25 PM

RS

“ *Robin Hodges Schwartz lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Robin Hodges Schwartz - December 01, 2019 at 01:23 PM

RJ

“ *H M was a great man! He will be greatly missed.*

Robin Jemison

Robin Jemison - December 01, 2019 at 12:59 PM

LH

“ *Leisa Hall lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Leisa Hall - December 01, 2019 at 01:35 AM

NI

“ *NikkiMcDowell lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*

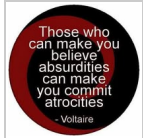


NikkiMcDowell - November 30, 2019 at 10:34 PM

DS

“ *Our prayers are with the family in the loss of HM.
Gary and Dianne Smith
Betty Warren*

Dianne Smith - November 30, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ *John Morris lit a candle in memory of H M
Pannell*



John Morris - November 30, 2019 at 09:29 PM

CB

“ *Betty, Amy and family, I am so sorry for your
loss, H.M. was a great teacher and principal.
He taught two of my children, he was strict,
but they loved him. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you. Love to all. Kay and Jess
Brewer*



Carole Kay Brewer - November 30, 2019 at 08:45 PM

TW

“ *Tina Hughes Washburn lit a candle in
memory of H M Pannell*



Tina Hughes Washburn - November 30, 2019 at 08:40 PM

PT

“ *One of the greatest men Ive known. He will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to Ms. Betty, Amy and all the family.*



Paul Talkington - November 30, 2019 at 09:58 AM

EH

“ *Ed And Nancy Hoyle lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Ed and Nancy Hoyle - November 29, 2019 at 10:44 PM

EH

“ *Etta Barker Hughes lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Etta Barker Hughes - November 29, 2019 at 08:26 PM

SF

“ *Rest In Peace, Mr. Pannell.
Every time I “park my Toyota”, I will think of you!*



Susan Fisher - November 29, 2019 at 05:59 PM

VC

“ *Virginia Coffey lit a candle in memory of H M Pannell*



Virginia Coffey - November 29, 2019 at 04:25 PM