



LeRay Kennedy

February 26, 1940 - July 15, 2024

Charles LeRay Kennedy was born on February 26, 1940 in Pauls Valley, OK to Clyde Kennedy and Ruth Della Parks Kennedy and joined his Lord and Savior on July 15, 2024 at the age of 84 years and 4 months.

LeRay attended Satterwhite School through 8th grade and then graduated from Elmore City High School in 1958. After graduation, he received his air conditioning and heating certification from Okmulgee Tech.

Anyone that knew him, knew he could not sit still. He had to be up and moving and working. LeRay was the hardest working man that you would ever meet. He worked for 34 years for Rural Electric Cooperative in Lindsay, Oklahoma where he worked as not only an electrician and lineman, but most would say as head jokester. He took a year off from R.E.C. to start his own electric business using his two boys, David and Terry, but as the boys tell it, they didn't want to work as hard as dad so he had to go back to work for R.E.C. After retiring, LeRay couldn't sit still, so he went to work for Skip Jones and Southside Electric for a few years and then decided to work for the Elmore City Public Schools. He made a lot of friends with all of the children that he drove the school bus each and every day for. Oh and he loved those kids! One of the things he thought was important at the school was making sure all of the busses were kept clean and safe. He would go and wash the buses every chance he had. Just ask the grandkids that were big enough to go help. He would draft the kids that stayed with him and Grandma to go and help clean them wouldn't he Sarah, Dally, Derby and Seth? He thought he was just

going to be part-time at the school but he didn't know how to do that and ended up working full-time, so he decided to go back to just farming again. But just when we thought he might slow down and actually rest, he decided to go to work for Garvin County. He took so much pride in brush hogging the county roads and making everything look nice. In 2015, he decided to retire again and stay home with mom, but guess what? Yeah, it wasn't long until you could find him twice a day, every day, cleaning the car wash to help Alan and Clyda.

LeRay spent his life serving his Lord and Savior. He was saved and baptized at the Satterwhite Missionary Baptist Church where he was a lifelong member. He faithfully served as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon for many years. He lived his life teaching and telling his friends and family the importance of having a relationship with Jesus Christ.

He was married to his high school sweetheart, Ellen Maxine McNeill on August 29, 1959 and have celebrated 64 wonderful years of marriage. Together they raised 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. LeRay is survived by his wife Ellen of the home. Son David and Kim Kennedy of Elmore City, OK and his family Charlie and Crystal Kennedy and their children David, Charlie, and Austin of Elmore City, OK and Katie Kennedy of Rush Springs, OK.

Son: Terry Kennedy of Elmore City, OK and his family Hope and Brett York and daughter Brailey of Ada, OK; Hoak and Tayl'r Kluver and their children Jett, Cooper, and Gus of Pocasset, OK; Dally and Lane Hopper and their children Kenleigh and Sage of Elmore City, OK; and Thomas Kennedy of Elmore City, OK.

Daughter Cendy and Steven Combes of Elmore City, OK and her family Sarah Combes and fiancé Jason Quigley of Destrahan, LA and Seth and Harlee Combes of Enid, OK.

Daughter Clyda and Alan Ware of Pauls Valley, OK and her family Derby and Malia Whitefield of Stillwater, OK, Kennedy and Zach Perry of Houston, TX, Daniel and Darcie Ware and Bennett of Moore, OK, and Rachel and Callie

Ware and Sosie of Oklahoma City, OK.

LeRay is also survived by many friends and family. Throughout his life he has made an imprint on many individuals.

He is preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Ruth Kennedy, his brother Clyde Dale "Cotton" Kennedy, daughter-in-law Coie Sue Kennedy, and great-granddaughter Brettley Nicole York.

Services for LeRay will be Friday, July 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Elmore City, Oklahoma under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home with Joe Terrell and Allen Carrol officiating. Visitation for LeRay will be Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM and Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM at Wooster Funeral Home in Elmore City, Oklahoma. If you would like to send your condolences to the family you may do so at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL 17. 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)
105 S. Main
Elmore City, OK

Public Visitation

JUL 18. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)
105 S. Main
Elmore City, OK

Funeral Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church- Elmore City
103 S. Arkansas
Elmore City, OK

Tribute Wall

Angie
Quickel

“ Angie Quickel lit a candle in memory of
LeRay Kennedy



Angie Quickel - July 25, 2024 at 09:59 PM

KH

“ Kristi Hawks lit a candle in memory of LeRay
Kennedy



Kristi Hawks - July 19, 2024 at 10:17 AM

LI

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr LeRay was a great man! We had many
conversations at Walmart and ballgames in Elmore. He would tell
me stories about what Natalie and Niki did on the bus. He was very
proud to be their bus driver. May God grant all the family peace
through this time. Libby

Libby - July 19, 2024 at 12:42 AM

JB

We are so sorry for your loss! LeRay was a very good Christian man!
His rewards will be great!! Lots of love & prayers for the family to find
comfort and peace. Jan

Jan Bowerman - July 19, 2024 at 11:28 AM

DC

“ I met LeRay in the early 1950s when my Dad took us to the Satterwhite Missionary Baptist Church at the Satterwhite School. We became friends immediately. I remember Mr. Kennedy had an old, old store on the NW corner and eventually built a new store and house on the NE corner. As families, we often had Sunday dinner together. On one occasion we went down to the creek west of his house. We were swinging on grape vines and LeRay’s vine broke and he went into the water. It was winter and he was freezing. He started running up to his house and we, his little brother “Cotton”, my little brother, Don, and myself laughed and laughed as he ran home hollering at the top of his lungs. It was funny as he was wet and freezing and we were not. We graduated in 1958 and went to East Central State College in Ada. LeRay and I rented apartments close to the school. LeRay having a car, took me to East Central and home every weekend. We cooked our meals together at the apartment. At the end of the first semester LeRay had enough of college life and dropped out. I think he wanted to see his girlfriend, Ellen, more. I knew Ellen since the first grade. I am not sure but he may have started working for REA. LeRay was a great friend. The Kennedy family was a large group. There were Kennedys from Carver to Satterwhite to Elmore City and beyond.

DeWayne Colwell

DeWayne Colwell - July 18, 2024 at 07:34 PM

LF

“ Leasa Furr lit a candle in memory of LeRay Kennedy



Leasa Furr - July 18, 2024 at 03:55 PM

CS

“ We all loved Relay so much! Now we know he is in the arms of Jesus!

Charolette Satterwhite - July 18, 2024 at 11:38 AM

SJ

“ Stacey Johnson lit a candle in memory of LeRay Kennedy



Stacey Johnson - July 18, 2024 at 09:27 AM

SR

“ LeRay worked for me at the county yard. No job was ever too big or too small for him. He took pride in his work and always tried to lead by a good example. LeRay always had a big smile on his face. He will truly be missed.

Shon & Tammie Richardson - July 18, 2024 at 12:41 AM

JB

Prayers for your time of loss for comfort & peace for his family! Jan

Jan Bowerman - July 19, 2024 at 11:32 AM

NI

“ My husband, Raymond Ivey, and LeRay were great friends. They went to Satterwhite school together and then high school in Elmore City. As young boys the times they were together when out of school you could find them down on the creeks hunting, fishing and doing the things boys do.

It was Raymond's and my honor to stand with LeRay and Ellen when they pledged their love. The same pastor that married us also married them.

Now I can only imagine how the two of them are rejoicing in their renewed friendship. My thoughts prayers are with Ellen and the family. Ellen, just remember we both can look forward to seeing those two guys again. I love you.

Norma Ivey

Norma Ivey - July 17, 2024 at 08:28 PM

J(

“ Cendy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Jennifer Pritchard (Riley) - July 17, 2024 at 04:46 PM

BM

“ LeRay was our neighbor for a few years, but what I remember most about him, was going on an Elmore City senior trip to New Orleans, Louisiana! He was a "hoot", and so much fun! I also remember getting up early and LeRay was up as well and drinking coffee with him. He was a great man!

Bill & Marilou Munn - July 17, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JC

I have many fond memories of LeRay working with the ECP Band. I drove one of the busses to Washington D.C. on two trips. LeRay drove the Band trailer. He was a great guy and will be sorely missed. Jim Clemons

Jim Clemons - July 17, 2024 at 07:03 PM

JW

*Ellen, my thoughts are with you as you deal with this sadness. I have nothing but good memories of my time with you and LeRay. I think the three of us were in school together for all 12 years. There is a saying here in the Islands...A Hui Hou. It means, Until We Meet Again. May God give you strength
Jerry Williams*

Jerry Williams - August 01, 2024 at 12:39 AM

BC

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Le Ray and my husband Jim attended Oklahoma State Tech. I worked with Ellen as a beautician .
Sending lots of love . Betty Carper*

betty carper - March 08, 2025 at 03:38 PM

BC

*So sorry of your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Le Ray and my husband Jim attended Oklahoma State Tech . Ellen and I were beauticians .
So many happy memories . Betty Carper*

betty carper - March 08, 2025 at 03:53 PM