



## Joe Goolsbey

September 15, 1934 - October 28, 2019

Joseph “Joe” Daniel Goolsbey, Bartlesville business owner and God’s faithful servant, died Monday in Bartlesville, after 85 years and a lifetime of industriousness and genuine grit. He lived by one rule: “You got to make it work” and he walked the talk every day.

From a young age, Joe learned the value of hard work, helping his father in the family grocery and produce stand. He was born the son of Jerry and Anna Belle (Warden) Goolsbey on Sept. 15, 1934, in Bartlesville where he attended local schools. After graduating from College High in 1952, Joe moved to California where he continued to buy and sell produce. After 16 years away, Joe returned home to Bartlesville and raised hogs. He bought Louise’s Drapery which he expanded into upholstery, fabrics and carpet, later becoming Joe’s Carpet on Highway 75 in Bartlesville.

Anyone who knew Joe would agree that he was all work and no play, he loved to keep busy and was always on the go. While responding to a customer concern regarding a flooring purchase Joe met the love of his life Jo Ann Kyser. After some convincing Jo Ann and Joe were united in marriage on June 8, 1997, and they enjoyed 22 years of loving marriage.

Joe was raised in the Pentecostal Church and he attended church regularly throughout his life. For the past several years he was a member of Emmanuel Chapel in South Coffeyville, OK, and active in the many projects in and around the church, always being faithful to help in any way he could. Joe was continuously busy planning his next project - he was always active, never stopping and was one of a kind. Joe and his can-do spirit will be dearly missed.

Joe is survived by his wife Jo Ann of the home; five children, Becky Thomas of Amarillo, TX, Tammy Goolsbey of Los Angeles, CA, Jerry Goolsbey of Copan, Jody Goolsbey of Bartlesville, and Malcolm Kyser of Montgomery, AL; three sisters, Oleta Morrison Murray of Owasso, Sylvia Thomas of Florida, and Darlene Chamber of California; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Joe is preceded in death by his parents, two sons

Rick and Jeff, daughter Helen Goolsbey and one sister Rosemary Goolsbey.

Joe's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville, on Friday, from 6-8 p.m. Visitation will also be held Friday from 10-8.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Walker Brown Chapel, with Pastors James Feltner and David Roman officiating. Interment will follow at the Dewey Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Friends and Family Gathering

NOV 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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4201 Nowata Rd  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Goolsbey*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - November 01, 2019 at 12:17 PM

PW

“ *Joe helped me once, to match ceramic tiles that I needed to replace in an older home. I explained to him that I was doing this for an elderly woman from my church, who was a widow. Although matching the color and pattern were nearly impossible, Joe said he thought he had some tile in storage that might be a match. He asked me to give him a few days to "dig them out". A few days later, he called to tell me he had the tiles. Although they were not a perfect match, they were very close, and after I applied a little wood stain, the tiles were a better match. Joe wanted to make sure he did all he could to ensure that we fixed that widow's floor correctly. During the times that I was in the store, Joe and I had time to visit -- he always made the time. I could tell he was a strong Christian, and a very good man.*

*I'm sorry for your loss, and I know we will all see Joe again. May God comfort and bless you.*

**Patrick M Walsh** - November 03, 2019 at 08:40 AM

JC

“ *I first met Joe back in the early 80's. I didn't not know him well but he was always so friendly and kind. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers!*

**Julie Cole** - November 01, 2019 at 12:32 PM

AH

“ *My uncle joe was a one of a kind man! He was the best uncle anyone could ever ask for! I'll never forget playing hide n seek in his carpet store or the nights he took me to church! I'm so grateful for all the memories I have with this man! We will all miss him dearly.*

**Annabelle Hess** - October 31, 2019 at 12:55 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss Jerry and Shelly  
Bushs

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**Deniece** - October 29, 2019 at 05:30 PM

DB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I've know Joe all my life and loved him. I was so glad he attended Sherman's funeral a few months because many of my siblings got to visit with him. Joe was my older brothers friend since they were about four. We (Sherman and I) also enjoyed visiting with Joe. Prayers for the family



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**Donna Boling** - October 29, 2019 at 03:04 PM