



Danny Dwight Cowart

February 6, 1946 - February 13, 2026

Danny Dwight Cowart, 80, of Wann, Oklahoma, passed away on Friday, February 13, 2026, in Tulsa.

Danny was born in Ada Oklahoma February 6, 1946, to George Washington Cowart and Delores Arlene (Basden) Cowart. He was the third of four children.

He grew up in an automotive rich environment and loved working on cars. His father worked for a number of automotive dealerships and eventually owned his own shop, and Danny worked many hours there.

Danny married his high school sweetheart, Patricia May Hampton, on November 6, 1964. He had a small yellow ribbon from one of their early dates that he kept in the truck for almost 35 years. They were married 51 years until her passing in 2015. She was the love of his life.

At some point before having kids they moved up to Illinois, so Danny could work at the Caterpillar plant with a few of what became lifelong friends. They eventually moved back to Ada so he could pursue higher education, and he received his bachelor's degree from East Central University in 1972 with a Major in Industrial Arts and Minor in Math. He then moved his family to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to begin teaching Industrial Arts, first at Madison then

moved over to Sooner High School to teach manual drafting. He went back to East Central and received his master's degree in education in 1977. After departing the public school system, he moved on to teach at Tri County Technology Center in 1985, where he brought forth one of the best Computer Aided Drafting programs in the state. He retired from teaching in 2009 after 37 years. During his early teaching career, he liked to stay busy, so he had a couple of businesses on the side, Cowart Construction, Design Graphics Inc. and Drafting Technology Services Inc.

In 1992 they moved out to the country house, both his wife's and his retirement dream, where he lived the last 34 years of his life on 16 Acres southeast of Copan, Oklahoma. As he described it, 4 miles from Dewey, 4 miles from Copan and 4 miles from Wann. He loved sitting on the porch or in the shop with a barn cat, usually Bullet, sometimes Sadie, sitting on his lap, just listening to the world. Danny also had a dog named Anvil. He was just a pup full of ticks when he walked up during a blacksmith meeting. He was named Anvil because Danny sold an anvil at that meeting and that was the exact cost at the vet to get Anvil checked out.

Danny had numerous hobbies, including woodworking of all complexities, from building small toys and puzzles up to rebuilding homes. Very rarely did he get something store bought if he could make it. Rebuilding antique Lawyers bookcases is one that comes to mind, several coat/hat racks and cedar chests. He got mad about not having enough storage in the house and built a drawer system across one wall of the bedroom. Woodworking of all kinds came easy to him.

Danny also spent time working on cars/motors/tools, etc. This was something he instilled in his children. His kids never knew what a repairman was. If it broke, they fixed it.

Danny enjoyed gardening and growing things in general and just being outdoors. Camping and canoe trips were always on his mind. He always enjoyed staying at the cabins at Osage Hills State Park.

He and his family once nursed a squirrel pup (Bigfoot) back to health and gave it to Madison Jr. High to grow up in the indoor/outdoor areas they had there. In recent years he had gotten himself into beekeeping and you could tell he rather enjoyed it.

Metalworking was something he shared with James. They love the precision of it, the ability to make what is needed and desired.

Blacksmithing came late, around 2000 or so. It was something he and Tracy shared, again it was the ability to make from scratch what you needed or wanted from what was available.

All of these things just show his desire to create and maintain things, beautiful things. He had a great mind for designing and the ability to make it, as well. The things he has made will be cherished for many years to come.

Danny was a problem solver, something he passed on to not just his kids but almost everyone that interacted with him. He would always say, "Work the problem," meaning break it down to what you can fix then move to the next piece.

Above all was the teaching... It never stopped...

Danny is survived by two sons, George "Tracy" Cowart and wife Tamitha, and James Wade Cowart and wife Deanna; two sisters, Georgia Sampson and husband Lloyd, and Becky Blackburn and husband Steve; six grandchildren, Tyler Cowart, Danielle Duke, Ashton House and husband Ike, Corey Cowart,

Blaine Peoples and wife Amanda, and Kasidy Peoples; and one great-grandchild, Rosalie.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patricia Cowart; his parents, George and Delores Cowart; and a sister, Glenna Cowart.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 113 S. Osage Ave., Dewey, OK 74029, 918-534-3030. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel

113 S Osage Ave

Dewey, OK 74029

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Danny Dwight Cowart*



Davis Family Funeral Home - March 17 at 02:54 PM

SF

“ *Mr. Cowart was my Drafting teacher at TCT. I was not normally a very good student, but for some reason his class just resonated with me, and I flourished under his teaching. I'm sorry to hear about his passing. He was a great man.*

Spencer Frakes - June 19 at 05:19 PM

GR

“ *My drafting teacher at Tri County Tech in the mid 80s. A truly wonderful man. Learned so much from him. He got me my first job after graduation.*

Greg - April 16 at 01:53 PM

JC

“ *Link to blacksmithing interview.*
<https://youtu.be/ShGECNGF6J0?si=LBlhVTBsXF5crIXT>

James Cowart - March 16 at 02:18 PM

DC

“ Dan was a good teacher, despite the fact I couldn't get CADD in night school. Always ready to lend support to us younger teachers, he would mentor many of us coming up in the old days of Vo Tech. I appreciated him as a colleague and as a friend. Shortly after I retired, I went up to visit him after running into him at Walmart. We talked about making knives, and Scouts, and hunting. We talked about eternity. Dan was confident in his relationship with “his Lord”! Enjoy heaven, Dan!



Dennis Cash - March 13 at 12:07 AM

JM

“ Danny was one of a kind! He will always be a part of my favorite memories of Tri County Tech! He was a friend and a mentor and I was greatly blessed to get to know him and Pat! James and family, I am sending you my thoughts and prayers. Jeanette Miller

Jeanette Miller - February 26 at 03:08 PM

DH

“ Last night I learned of the passing of my high school drafting teacher Danny Cowart at age 80. He was a wonderful teacher and fascinating man that I kept up with for more than 50 years. We often traded phone calls, swapped design related books of interest and told stories of our exploits.

In addition to being a dedicated 37 year educator, he was a state champion distance runner in high school, a passionate motorcyclist, skilled wood worker, leather craft artisan, talented mechanic, proficient machinist, and old-school blacksmith. He proudly stated that he never hired a repairman. He did everything himself.

Several years ago, I asked him to build hinges and a latch I had designed for a garden gate at my house. He was thrilled to take on the challenge and exceeded my expectations with his inspired work. The biggest problem I had was getting him to take any payment for his trouble. I finally sent him a book entitled “Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work “ as a thank you gesture. He responded by sending me his personal copy of his favorite book. It had originally been gifted to him by one of his professors upon graduation with a master’s degree in education. He described C. Van Amerongen’s book “How Things Work, Volume 2” as being a survival necessity.

I’ll miss our thought-provoking interactions and his inquisitive, determined spirit. He was a special man. Rest in peace Danny, you were a great and unforgettable friend. David Hill



David Hill - February 25 at 11:11 AM

TM

“ James and Tracy, the obituary for your Dad was wonderful. Your Dad was the best, I so enjoyed the years I cleaned his house for him. He was so inspiring and so interesting, we had so many great conversations. I am going to miss that so much, but I did not want him to be sick. I am so blessed to have known him. Theresa

Theresa Mabry - February 25 at 12:31 AM

JC

Dad told me he thought of you as a sister and loved having you around. Thank you for all you did for him. It made his life a little easier. James

James Cowart - February 25 at 09:03 AM

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KF

Mr. Cowart was my drafting teacher at Sooner High back in the early eighties. His teaching, encouragement and support led me to pursue architecture in college and eventually become an architect. He was such a great person and I will be eternally grateful for his help. One of the best and most influential teachers I ever had.

Kent Fee - March 01 at 04:28 PM