



## Frank Wesley Cranor

September 5, 1941 - June 12, 2023

Frank Wesley Cranor, 81, beloved son, brother, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather, graduated to his home in Heaven on Monday, June 12, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Frank was a lifelong resident of the Oglesby community.

Frank was born September 5, 1941, to Glenn and Hazel Cranor. He was the second child of four children raised on the family's dairy farm southeast of Bartlesville. He received his early education at Steele's Camp School, Oglesby Elementary School and Ramona High School, graduating in 1959. As a youth he was part of a 4-H family and was active in all areas of 4-H club work. He won numerous awards and served in several leadership roles. In 1956 he was member of the Washington County Dairy Judging team. He and his team members represented Oklahoma at the National Dairy Judging Contest in Waterloo, Iowa. Frank received the highest score of any participant in the contest, including a perfect score on reasons. At the tender age of 14 he boarded a train to Chicago where he was named the National Dairy Project Winner. He also received the highest County 4-H award by being named to the Washington County 4-H Hall of Fame.

After graduation from high school he used his mechanical skills working for International Harvester and Town and Country Automotive. In 1960 he married Judy Eden and they had two daughters, Brenda Kay and Debbie Ann.

During 1960 and 70's he built and raced stock cars winning driver of the month many times at the Bar Dew Association Lakeside Speedway.

Frank was a skilled industrial welder and pipefitter working out of Local Union 397. He said, "I have always enjoyed working with metal and the challenge of fabricating new projects." His family says he was a perfectionist when it came to building things. As a pipefitter he worked on the Jane Phillips Hospital and the Plaza Office building in downtown Bartlesville and did many different projects at the Phillips Petroleum Research Center, all while raising cattle on the family farm. Later he worked for Natkin Construction at the Port of Catoosa and served as a supervisor on many jobs. He served as a District Director for the Caney Valley Conservation District. In the last few years he worked to improve the Oglesby Cemetery, helping divert water from graves, clearing fence rows and erecting a new fence.

In the 80's he started his own automotive repair business in his home shop. In 1989 he married Janice McPeak and together they continued to have cattle and cultivated and managed a 200-acre pecan grove in the Caney River bottom. He often said, "My hobby must be work, as that is what I do most and enjoy — and just being around my grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Frank is survived by his wife Janice of the home (34 years); his daughters, Brenda Shanklin of Nowata and Debbie Dizmang (Chris) of Bartlesville; his two sisters, Glenda Adcock (Bob) of Miami, Texas, and Sue Toalson of Bartlesville; three stepchildren, Jeff McPeak (Shiloh), Jason McPeak (Emmy) and Jinger McPeak; six granddaughters and two grandsons, Lindsey Coe (Brett), Kylee Collins (Chuck), Kimberlee Lenaburg (Trace), Taylor Castaneda (Jose') and Ashlee Dizmang, Jayce McPeak, Jade McPeak and Drew Hopkins. His great-grandchildren were his joy: Tyler Thompson, Addison and Brooks Coe, Emilee and Claire Collins, Rylee and Reagan Lenaburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Oglesby Cemetery, attention Christy, 23045 North 4025 Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Frank's family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey. Visitation will also be held on Thursday from 10-8.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 16, at New Harmony Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Oglesby Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oglesby Cemetery

N 4010 RD, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 15. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029  
(918) 534-3030  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Family and Friends Gathering

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## Funeral Service

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JUN 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

New Harmony Baptist Church  
22050 N4015 Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Wesley Cranor*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - June 15, 2023 at 05:22 PM

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“ *Got to know Frank in high school. He kept Rex Woodworth's 67 Chevelle fine tuned. Lots of evenings at his shop getting ready for the weekend. He worked on anything I would drag over there over the years. Always a joy to be around him. RIP Frank!*

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**Jim Virden** - June 17, 2023 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Whenever I would see Frank, or he would see me, he always spoke to me and was so easy going. My dad wasn't much of a mechanic so when a tractor, pickup, or car broke down he would call Frank. Once a fuel pump went out on the pickup and I thought I could put a new one on and that was more than I could handle and after a struggle trying to get the new on my mother told me to call him. He drove ten miles to our farm and crawled under the truck in freezing weather and was finished in less than 10 minutes. He did tell me how to put on a fuel properly the next time and wouldn't take a payment. Dad sold Frank an old 57 Ford and eventually that pickup. He was a great cousin.*

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**John Tate** - June 16, 2023 at 08:10 AM

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**Connie Collins** - June 14, 2023 at 11:04 PM

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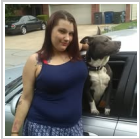
*Frank and I rode the same rural school bus to high school for three years and we graduated together in 1959. Although I knew him as a classmate, I did not know him personally. Therefore, I was surprised to read about his awards and accomplishments in the 4H Club, as well as his career. We will miss him at our class activities, but will remember him as a dedicated member of his community. Condolences to the Cranor family.*

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**Connie Collins** - June 15, 2023 at 12:50 AM

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“ *Gonna miss our phone conversations and getting to see Frank and Janice at Ranch Rodeos*

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**Charlotte Gagan Colby** - June 14, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *I have been working in healthcare for almost 20 years now. There are a few patients you meet that will never leave your heart and Frank was one of those very special people. (His amazing wife is another❤️) Always so kind and loving and warm hearted. You will forever be in our thoughts and hearts Frank! We love you*

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**Sheena Crawford** - June 14, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frank Wesley Cranor.*



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June 14, 2023 at 03:27 PM

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“ When we were kids one summer we gathered a whole bunch of sheep shower plants. Can't remember what else we put with them but we put in one of moms quart jars (she didn't know) and put lid on and buried so we wanted to see if we could make sheep shower wine. Forgot about never could remember where we buried it

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glenda adcock - June 14, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Wesley Cranor.



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June 13, 2023 at 02:21 PM