



## Gene Harding

January 14, 1929 - June 22, 2016

Gene Harding, 87, of Wann, OK, was in Tahlequah Wednesday when he went to be with his Lord and Savior for eternity.

Gene was born on January 14, 1929 in Denver, Colorado. At a young age, Gene and his family moved to the Bartlesville area. Gene's lifelong love for working started at the tender age of 12 when he took his first fulltime job on the railroad. Along the way, he had several notable jobs including Bluestem Foundry, Jensens Intercontinental Inc in Coffeyville, and then Burrows Construction in Wann where he finally retired in 2003 with 14 faithful years of service and 1,071,181 miles under his belt.

The young sweethearts Gene and Beverly were united in marriage on April 22, 1946. They made their home in Wann and enjoyed 68 years together and they were especially close in their twilight years. Gene and Beverly also owned and operated Harding Grocery in Wann for several years and Gene operated his water well drilling service for several years as a second job. In 1966, they built their home on Wann's Main Street where they finished raising their three children and they have lived in that home ever since. Beverly preceded him in death on February 21, 2015.

Gene's passions in life were the Lord and his family. Baseball was his favorite sport and he loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals. Gene attended his granddaughters' softball games and he kept his own scorecards and brought drinks to the players. Beverly (or "Sugar" as she was referred to by Gene) enjoyed memorable trips together to Branson, MO, but most of all drinking

coffee on the porch was their favorite pastime together. He loved tinkering in his shop where everything had a place that was only know to him. But most of all he was a faithful follower of Christ, a loving husband and father, and a good provider. He will be dearly missed.

Gene is survived by his two children Bill Harding of Wann, and Dena Longpine of Fort Gibson, OK; three grandchildren Matt Harrington and wife Ginarie; Leah Baker and Cory, and Kelsie Longpine, all of Fort Gibson; three great grandchildren Noah Harrington, Emma Harrington and Annabelle Jo Baker, all of Fort Gibson and granddaughter of the heart Tricia Phillips. Gene is preceded in death by his parents, his Sugar, and beloved daughter Sharon Harrington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gene's home church, Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church, PO Box 147, Wann, OK 74083.

Gene's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Sun., 3-5 pm. Visitation begins Sun. 12-5 pm and Mon. 9am - 11am. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Mon., June 27, at Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church with Pastor Jimmy Harrington of Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church officiating. Interment will be at Wann Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Gene's family at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wann Cemetery

road 8 and road 404  
Wann, OK 74083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 26.** 12:00 PM - 5:00 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

**JUN 26.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

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JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

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JUN 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ridin' For the Brand Cowboy Church  
400 Main  
Wann, OK 74083

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene Harding* ”



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - June 24, 2016 at 01:31 PM