



## Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle

June 21, 1962 - August 9, 2023

Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle, 61, of Copan, a longtime area agricultural educator, passed away on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, in Tulsa.

Randy was born on June 21, 1962, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Garry Lee Pirtle and Patricia Ann (Gaskill) Waller. Randy attended Mountain View High School, graduating in 1980. During his childhood, he was baptized at the Methodist Church, also in Mountain View, Oklahoma. Randy graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University and later earned his Master's Degree in Agriculture Education there, as well.

He met the love of his life, Susan Thornbrough, on the Ferris Wheel during the Mountain View Fair in 1979. Susan was too young to date and Randy was heading to college. After Randy graduated from OSU, the couple reconnected and a few short months after married on July 31, 1982. To this union, two beautiful daughters were born, Aspen and Cassie. Randy doted on his family and was active in their lives, serving as livestock judging coach for both of his daughters. He and Susan and their girls have raised club lambs for 35 years. They enjoyed family cookouts, and Randy especially loved watching his children and grandchildren play and show sheep. He was a Dallas Cowboys fan and a die-hard OSU Cowboys fan.

After finishing college, Randy was employed with OSU Cooperative Extension

in Washington County for 32 years and then took the position as the Northeast District Director with OSU until his retirement in 2019. During his distinguished career, Randy received numerous accolades and awards including: 2023 Oklahoma Youth Expo Honoree for the Sirloin Club of Oklahoma, Distinguished Educator for Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension, Oklahoma Honorary FFA Degree, and Oklahoma State University Graduate of Distinction Award. He was a Master Gardener Educator for more than 30 years and was a board member of the American Hampshire Sheep Association. Randy served as superintendent for both the Tulsa State Fair and the Oklahoma Youth Expo for more than 20 years. He was a board member for the Washington County Farm Bureau, Copan School Board of Education and the Washington County Junior Livestock Show Committee for more than 20 years.

Needless to say, Randy was very involved in agriculture and youth in agriculture. Randy enjoyed telling stories and ended many conversations with “every day is a gift”. Randy will be truly missed by his family and his community.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Lela “Susan” Pirtle; two daughters, Aspen Dunkle and husband Brad, and Cassie Green and husband Cory; his mother, Patti Waller and husband J.C.; his father, Garry Pirtle and wife Jeannette; a brother, Tommy Pirtle and wife Dona; four grandchildren, Maverick, Savannah, Tucker, and Bristol; and numerous other family and friends.

The family has requested that people wear orange and black to Randy’s memorial service in honor of his love and dedication for Oklahoma State University. Go Pokes!

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Oklahoma

Cooperative Extension Office: Washington County, Attn: Hannah Hough, P.O. Box 10, Dewey, OK 74029.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, August 14, 2023, in the Community Hall of the Bartlesville Community Center, 300 SE Adams Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74003, with Minister Aaron Lawrence officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 918-534-3030. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North  
Dewey, OK 74029

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
<http://www.bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - August 15, 2023 at 10:54 AM

BS

“ *Randy and I worked in undergrad together at OSU animal science in the early 80's. I remember him fondly as he always had a smile on his face and frequently a prank up his sleeve! I got him back a few times, but he definitely came out ahead, which was fine with me. He made people around him smile and there are few abilities of greater value in this life. I had the pleasure to teach his daughter many years later and saw the greatness of the man I knew so long ago reflected in the talented and intelligent young veterinary professional that he had mentored. I'm certain that he made the lives of countless many others better by his interaction with them. Thanks for the memories Randy. Bob*

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**Bob Streeter** - August 18, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.*

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August 14, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ Garden Accent - "When someone you love..." was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.



August 14, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ Randy did so much to make things better for others. It was great to work with him in helping others across Oklahoma. May the memories he created with you bring comfort and may you feel God's hand in the midst of your sorrow!

AI Sutherland - August 14, 2023 at 12:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.

August 12, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.



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“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.*



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August 12, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.*



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August 12, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ *David Jo Lynn and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.*



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**David Jo Lynn and family** - August 11, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Jeanett P. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.*

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**Jeanett P.** - August 11, 2023 at 05:18 PM

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“ Charles Stites And Staff lit a candle in memory of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle



Charles Stites and Staff - August 11, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.



August 11, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.



August 11, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.



August 11, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.*



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August 10, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Randy was a great boss and even better friend. So thankful to have worked for him and with him. He definitely taught me a lot in the years he was at the district office. He pushed me to be my best. He will be greatly missed. Every time I talked to him after he retired, he always ended with call me anytime if you have questions. I know I wish miss calling him for advise.*

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**Nancy** - August 10, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ *Randy was great friend and trusted co-worker for years. I know he will be missed by many, but he leaves a legacy of hard work and helping others. He was a true inspiration and had a heart for Extension. I'm saddened by his*

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**Claude Bess** - August 10, 2023 at 06:30 PM



*I'm saddened by his passing, but look forward to seeing him again one day.*

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**Claude Bess** - August 10, 2023 at 06:31 PM



*Randy was a truly great guy. He will be sorely missed by all.*

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**Jack Wallace** - August 10, 2023 at 07:35 PM

JK

*I don't think anyone has had more of a positive impact on our counties agriculture community than Randy. That includes our adult and children's activities. So selfless and helpful. Yes he will be missed, but his life needs to be celebrated! He will never be forgotten!*

**Jay Keys** - August 10, 2023 at 08:47 PM

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*Today I thought of you all and found this tribute to a great guy who became a great man. Distance is closer these days but still far away. Condolences from Mountain View to you all.*

**Cara Frank** - September 01, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle.*



August 10, 2023 at 04:26 PM

JS

“ *Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Randall "Randy" Lee Pirtle*



**Jeanne Foreman Shepherd** - August 10, 2023 at 03:06 PM

DL

“ *Randy was our leader in the Master Gardener program. He was always ready to help us in any way he could. He was admired and loved by all He will be missed RIP Randy. Diane Leroux*

**Diane Leroux** - August 10, 2023 at 12:50 PM