



## Clarence T. (Cotton) Holland

April 11, 1929 - January 14, 2017

Cotton Holland of Vanoss, Oklahoma was born April 11, 1929 in Stratford, Oklahoma to Ezra Dewey Holland and Felica (Cothren) Holland. He passed away January 14, 2017 in Ada, Oklahoma at the age of 87 years 9 months and 5 days. He graduated from Vanoss high school and attended college at Murray State and OSU Stillwater where he received his Bachelor's degree. He also served our country in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. He and Carol Smith were married on June 6, 1954 in Ada, Oklahoma. They made their home on a ranch near Vanoss, Oklahoma where he taught Agriculture at Vanoss school until retirement. He was very proud to be from Vanoss community. Also a member of the Community Free Will Baptist Church in Pickett.

Preceded by; his parents, three brothers, Vernon Lewis Holland, Willie Glen Holland, and Raymond Long Holland.

Survived by; his wife Carol of the home, one son Ronald Holland of Vanoss, Oklahoma one daughter Rhonda Holland & husband Craig Shirley, Conway Arkansas; one brother Carl Wayne Holland & wife Bobbie, Vanoss, Oklahoma, four grandchildren; Abigail Shirley, Washington, DC; Alex Shirley, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Chrystal Holland Smith & husband Tucker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Felica Ruth Holland, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Pallbearers; Ronnie Mackey, Rick Griffin, John Cothren, Rance Walker, Daymond Cothren, and Randy Doffin.

Visitation; Monday evening January 16, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at

DeArman/Pickard Funeral Home Stratford, Oklahoma.

Services; 2:00 pm Tuesday January 17, 2017 at First Free Will Baptist Church  
Ada, Oklahoma, Officiating Rev. John Henry Lippard and Rev. Dean Stone.  
Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery Ada, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, family request donations may be made to Vanoss FFA or  
Community Free Will Baptist Church Pickett, Oklahoma.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM (CT)

DeArman Pickard Funeral Home  
305 West Smith  
Stratford, OK 74872  
(580) 759-2221  
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com/>

## church service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Clarence T. (Cotton) Holland*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Cotton was my cousin. He was always so kind and caring. I appreciate so much what he and Carol did for my mom. Before and during her illness, they checked on her almost daily. Their kindness meant so much to my mom and to her daughters.*

**Elva June Farmer** - November 26, 2022 at 08:38 PM



“ *Can a man's life be summed up in the limited space herein? For some, maybe. Those who had the good fortune to cross paths with Cotton know that is not the case with him. His absence will be deeply felt in his community, his church, his family, and among his many friends. May God's grace be with all who mourn his passing.*

**Mark Lippard** - January 17, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ *A great man indeed! One who was a believer in people! As a student I idolized him. Couldn't wait till Ag class started. He drove the bus and donated his bus driving salary to the Ag department. Took me to fishing trips, judging contests, state conventions, and to the national convention in KC, MO. He would drop everything and drive the old fire truck, pull a calf, referee a ballgame, pop popcorn, chaperone a trip, or help me with a welding project in the shop. Mr. Advisor, now we understand why you were stationed by the "Owl."*

**Dean Stone** - January 17, 2017 at 10:37 AM

CB

“ Cotton was a great individual, a man of high morals and character and role model for all. He will be greatly missed. It was an honor to know him!

*Claude Bess*

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**Claude Bess** - January 16, 2017 at 03:30 PM

DL

“ Cotton was one the first people that welcomed us to the Vanoss community back in 1990. We moved out by the school in the middle of summer and school had not started yet but he was down to visit and welcome us within those first few days. I think he even shared veggies from his garden. We are so sorry for your loss. He will be missed.



*Dennis & Teresa Lorange*

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**Dennis & Teresa Lorange** - January 16, 2017 at 02:17 PM

RG

“ CT Holland was a great man. I have never met anyone more kind in my life. He was a true friend. He was always there to help in a crisis and would always thank you for the opportunity he was given to help you. I know that he made a huge impact on literally hundreds of young people who went through his ag. program. When we hear people talking about someone who was a difference maker Cotton would have to be at the top of the list. RIP my wonderful friend-- I will miss you dearly. Rick Griffin

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**Rick Griffin** - January 16, 2017 at 01:59 PM

GA

“ *Grissoms LLC Ada purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Clarence T. (Cotton) Holland.*



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**Grissoms LLC Ada** - January 16, 2017 at 12:03 PM

JM

“ *my best memory of mr. Holland was when he accidently gave me my calhood vaccinations. most of all I just wanted too say thank you mr. Holland for all you showed me! he truly helped me be a better man.*

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**john wayne miller** - January 15, 2017 at 11:13 PM

BR

“ *He was a very kind christian cousin!*  
*Brenda(Cothren) Roby*

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**Brenda[Cothren] Roby** - January 15, 2017 at 01:08 PM