



## Lowell Leslie Wood Jr

February 9, 1950 - December 13, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lowell Leslie Wood Jr, a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many with his kindness and selflessness. Leslie was a true embodiment of what it means to be a great guy, always going above and beyond to help others in any way he could. Leslie was born February 9th, 1950 in Stratford, Oklahoma to Lowell Leslie Wood Sr and Susie (Hottel) Wood, the fourth of eight children. He passed away December 13th, 2023 in Oklahoma City at age 73.

Leslie graduated from Stratford High School with the class of 1968 and married Lana Turner in 1969. From this union they had two children, Dianne and Cody.

In 2005 Leslie married Donna Walls and gained another son Billy and daughter Kristin.

He was preceded in death by his Dad Lowell in 1992, his Mom Susie in 2017 and his brother Gerald in 2022.

Survivors include;

His wife Donna of the home, daughter Dianne Mann and husband Shawn of Stratford, daughter Kristin Williams of Stratford.

Son Cody Wood and wife Becky of Stratford, Son Billy Nix and wife Jessica of Arkansas. Sisters; Sue Brown and husband Don of Stratford, Nelda Lee and husband Jimmy of Stratford, Nancy Pike and husband Bud of Stratford, Debbie Korzan of Stratford and Marsha Milligan and husband Lindell of Pernell, OK.

One brother Greg and wife Carolyn of Ardmore, OK. Fourteen grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews he loved very much.

Throughout his life, Leslie dedicated himself to making a positive impact on those around him. Whether it was lending a listening ear, offering a helping hand, or providing words of encouragement, he was always there for his family, friends, and even strangers. His compassion knew no bounds, and his generosity knew no limits.

Leslie had a genuine passion for serving others. He volunteered at various community organizations, dedicating countless hours to making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. His commitment to helping others was truly inspiring, and his impact on the community will be felt for years to come.

Leslie spent his entire life in the Stratford Round up Club, six years in the United States Army Reserves beginning in 1970, twenty five years with the Stratford Fire Department (twelve of those years as Chief), 15 years serving with the Stratford ambulance service-EMS and six years with the Town of Stratford. Leslie spent almost forty years with CM Mays Lumber in Stratford and loved interacting with and helping people. He especially loved his co workers and all the close friends made throughout the years.

Beyond his acts of kindness, Leslie had a joyful spirit that was contagious. He had a knack for bringing smiles to the faces of those around him, and his positive energy lit up every room he entered. He had a way with animals that was rare, his calm nature and patience would settle even the orneriest animals. \*\*This gift was tested at least once a year when Shawn would bring mules for shoeing, pulled from the pasture, only being handled each September for a Wyoming elk hunt. The look over his glasses and concerned grin was priceless. Leslie always got the job done, no matter what.

Whether it was through his witty sense of humor or his ability to find joy in the simplest of moments, Leslie had a way of brightening even the darkest of days.

Leslie's legacy of compassion and selflessness will forever be cherished. He

leaves behind a profound impact on the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Although his physical presence may no longer be with us, his spirit will continue to live on through the countless lives he touched. Leslie was never known to speak a negative word about anyone. In honor of Lowell Leslie Wood, let us remember the importance of helping others, spreading kindness, and living a life filled with love and compassion. May his memory serve as a reminder to us all to be the best versions of ourselves and to always lend a helping hand to those in need. Rest in peace, Leslie. You will be dearly missed, but your legacy will continue to inspire us all.

-A special thank you to David Hottel who came by almost every day to comfort and visit Dad, it meant so much. You were a bright spot during some dark times.

-To Monty Hasley who has been such a close friend, many trips to visit and always made Dad smile.

-Tasha for always having Dads back and taking care of many things for him while he was away. You are very much appreciated.

-John Grien, John Jolley and Eddie Watson we can't thank you enough for the visits, the concern, the things we know you handled and also the things we will never know about.

-Ladies of the Stratford Church of Christ, the weekly cards always made Dad smile and we appreciated them very much.

-Town of Stratford co-workers, your sacrifices and unselfish giving of your time was so nice. Dad loved you all

-To the many other friends and family, your calls, visits, gifts and prayers meant so much to Dad and all of us. Your kindness and concern will never be forgotten.

-Bill and Linda Jones, thank you so much for all you've done. Words can't express the appreciation we have for you. You are family.

To the Doctors, nurses and staff at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital North,

Oklahoma City Rehabilitation and PAM Health Medical Center.

Thanks so much for everything you did for Dad, and all the love and kindness you showed to him and our family during these tough times. You all are wonderful people.

Visitation; Saturday December 16 , 2023 from noon to 7:00 PM. Family will receive visitors from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in DeArman/Pickard Chapel Stratford, Oklahoma. Open visitation will be Sunday December 17 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Services; 11:00 AM Monday December 18, 2023 in the Stratford High School auditorium.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Leslie's Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I send love and prayers.

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**Sarah Morris Rooker** - December 29, 2023 at 09:23 PM

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“ Many years ago, my friend Mary wanted to do some landscaping and the bank had removed all the decorative rock out of their flowerbeds. I knew that they were wanting to get rid of it, so I hooked up our Sanford & Son trailer and headed to town. Mary kept kids at the time, so we loaded up all the kids in my van and headed to the bank. We loaded the rock in the trailer with shovels and headed back to Mary's. Mary lived across the street from the lumber yard and just before we got to her house, we heard the his screeching sound. Mary said we had lost one of our shovels. I looked in my side view mirror and saw the trailer passing us. It ended up in the parking spaces at the lumberyard. Leslie saw all this happen and he reattached the trailer and then looked at me and said “Do you want to tell Chris or do you want me to”. My response was “if I want Chris to know, I'll tell him myself!” He thought this was so funny but still helped to women in distress. Prayer to the family and he will be missed in the community.

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**Yevon Bolles** - December 18, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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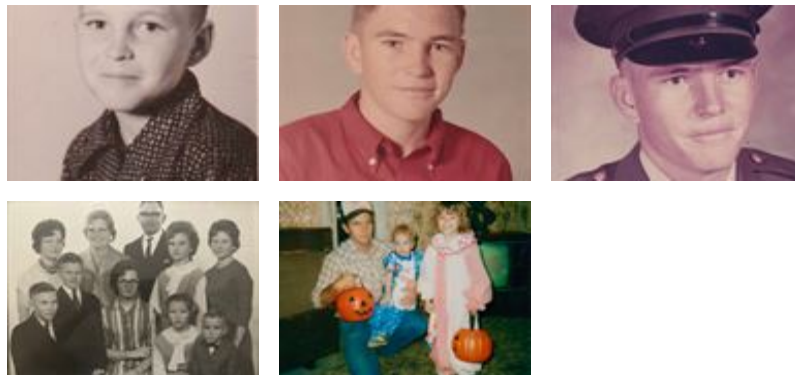
“ Leslie was a very supportive father when Dianne & Cody were in my science classes. Whatever they needed, Leslie & Lana made sure it happened. He also helped chaperone our junior/senior proms, worked the pony ride for the fall carnival, and anything else we needed done. He’s the last person to get me on a pony! I was terrified & he was so nice without laughing too much. He led the pony once around the pen & helped me dismount. Sending love and prayers to Dianne & Cody & all of his family & friends. Rest easy Leslie.💙



Juanita Matthews - December 17, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



DeArman Funeral Home - December 16, 2023 at 02:17 PM

DM

“ My heart goes out to the Wood family. Leslie also took care of my horses feet. So pt and kind. Sending love and prayers for this sweet family. ❤️🙏❤️🙏

Donna Murray - December 15, 2023 at 04:12 PM

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“ Leslie, my brother-in-law, was like a brother to me. When I was in my teens riding horses, he always took care of my horse and those of many others, making sure their feet were taken care of, and watching over some that were sick. He was a master at equine care, so patient, could break a horse without ruining it. He always had a smile, and a lot of know how about many things! A kind hearted man! He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers for his family!

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**Dixie Ross** - December 15, 2023 at 12:23 PM

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“ Sending many prayers and hugs to the entire Wood family. Leslie was a true gentleman & will be greatly missed by all!

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**Robin Clinton** - December 15, 2023 at 07:38 AM

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I am sorry for your loss I have never meet him but I feel I have through your eyes.May all of you be at peace knowing God takes care of him now .we all live in our memories .Hugs many blessings 🙌🙏 to all of you

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**Heike** - December 15, 2023 at 02:22 PM