



## Ross William "Bill" Chitwood

September 29, 1933 - November 22, 2023

### Ross William "Bill" Chitwood Obituary

Ross William "Bill" Chitwood was born in Edmond, OK September 29, 1933 and passed into God's arms on November 22, 2023 at his home in Sulphur, OK.

Bill was raised on a family farm in Edmond. He was very active in school activities including FFA, football, and wrestling, and in 1951 he graduated from Edmond High School where he was the first All State football player at Edmond.

After high school, Bill was recruited to play football at Oklahoma A&M, but was not able to complete that dream due to a back injury. In 1954, Bill married Helen Tanner, the love of his life. He graduated with a bachelor's in Animal Husbandry from Oklahoma A&M in 1955. While Bill was completing his degree, he returned home often and partnered with his father, Ross Henderson Chitwood, to start the family dairy business, B&R Farms.

As a dairyman for over 50 years, he served in several leadership roles within the agricultural industry boards including Farm Bureau, COBA, and AMPI. In 1982, Bill and his family moved the dairy business from Edmond to their current farm in Sulphur in order for Lake Arcadia to be built.

Bill served his community as a member of the Edmond School Board for 15 years and the inaugural Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech board. Bill was also an active member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Edmond and Sulphur by serving as an elder and teaching Sunday School for 45 years.

In addition to his dairy career, at the age of 60, Bill started a new venture in public speaking with his personal flair of “humorous motivation.” Bill traveled all over the USA speaking at many community meetings with what he called “Overall Wit and Wisdom.” After his speaking career, he started his home garden that only grew with each passing year. The whole family would pull together to harvest so Bill could take his bounty to the Sulphur and Ada Farmers Markets.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; Ross Henderson and Hattie Elam Gray Chitwood. He is survived by his precious wife of 68 years, Helen Chitwood; Sister Ellen Chitwood; 4 children, Kathy (Kirk) Standridge, Laurie (Chris) Caldwell, Fred (Pam) Chitwood, and Bob (Tracey) Chitwood; 11 grandchildren, Hattie Standridge, Kadee & Brandi Bramlett, Victoria Boyles, Ross, Bryce, & Tanner Chitwood, Jessica & Micaiah Chitwood, Nathan & Jordan Harp, and 5 great-grandchildren, Laurie Boyles, Camden & Blayke Chitwood, and Graicee & Ryder Harp.

Special thanks goes to Chris Caldwell for his loving care for his “buddy.”

A special thank you to Junia and Mike Milvain for their close friendship, encouragement, and support over the years.

Memorial Services will be Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 10 am held at First Christian Church of Sulphur (403 W Muskogee Ave. Sulphur, OK 73086). Inurnment will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Edmond on December 30th,

2023 at 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to First Christian Church of Sulphur Memorial Fund (PO Box 239, Sulphur, OK 73086).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
403 West Muskogee Ave  
Sulphur, OK 73086  
(580) 622-3257

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family. I remember Bill’s warmth and humor, and I know that he impacted the lives of everyone he came in contact with, somehow. He was generous to the point of ridiculousness when, after a visit, he would send me home with bags and bags (and bags) of vegetables from his gigantic garden!

Mark Nokes - December 17, 2023 at 05:26 PM

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“ To all the Chitwood kids - I join in celebrating the life of your Dad. I grew up on a steady diet of delicious nutritious milk that we fetched in an aluminum 2 gallon bucket from your dairy! I am very healthy for my age - no doubt in some part due to your family’s provision. I know my Dad highly respected Bill & believe he helped him in his endeavors of raising a few cattle & growing some of the food to feed them. Hoping Bill will be running into all the BAXTER’S in Heaven now & having a good visit with them. My prayers are with you all as you go through this transition. 🙏🙏🙏

Paulette (Baxter) Limbaugh - November 29, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“ Fred and Pam: I’m so sorry for your loss. My love and prayers are for you

Vickie Laster - November 27, 2023 at 11:15 PM