

William Wade "Papa" Andersen



Cows, hay, family, and friends, the most important parts of life to an Oklahoma rancher. William Wade "Papa" Andersen, 69, a third generation farmer/ rancher was no exception. To Wade, enjoying life and loving God deeply meant more than just words, it was his way of life. From the morning cup of coffee to the last glass of milk at night,

he never wasted a moment. Each day to him was a chance to live life fully and to make lasting memories. Every person blessed enough to meet him instantly became a cherished friend. Wade thought everyone was special and loved each person fiercely. He had the rare gift of making people feel better, even if you just sat in silence with him. His relationships were genuine and the respect he gave real. Wade was born on August 26, 1940, to Viggo and Zelda Andersen in Tulsa, OK. He departed from this life on July 9, 2010. Wade lived in Coweta where he owned and operated Andersen's Tater Hill Ranch and Andersen Plant farm. During his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, watching sports, and traveling. Wade is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, June; four children and their spouses, Whitney and Travis Fitzsimmons, Eddy Pack, Troy and Roxanne Pack, and Gina and Mike Missildine; nine grandchildren, Alicia, Ashley, Codey, Tiffany, Taryn, Corey, Maegan, Rachel, and Taylor; and three great-grandchildren. We remember him as Papa, the man with the bib overalls, ball caps, and a heart as big as Tater Hill Ranch; he will be forever missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, July 12, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow with Pastor Roger McDougal officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa. Condolences may be left online at www.wrightfh.net. Wright Funeral Home, Coweta, 486-5515. www.wrightfh.net This obituary was published in the Tulsa World on 7/11/2010.

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Jerry Hope (last year)

Sorry to learn of my cousin Wade's passing in Tulsa World, guess we were both too busy with farms to stay in touch. What a shame. Vigo and aunt Zelda were a part of a happy childhood staying with them in the 1930s on the dairy farm while visiting our Gilley grandparents & cousins @ Alsuma during the summer. Wade was on my mind yesterday. I inquired about Wade @ Pawhuska during My wife's family reunion from member who lives in Broken Arrow and he said he had not seen Wade recently. May God bless the family during this time.

Jerry & Mintie Hope

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Janet (last year)

I didn't know Wade, but love his obituary. I can tell he is a man I would love to have known. His obit paints a beautiful picture. RIP Wade and God bless the family and friends he left behind.

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Tom Gilley (last year)

I was also sorry to learn of my cousin Wade's passing this morning. His mother Zelda and my father were brother and sister. I share many of the memories mentioned by Jerry Hope. It is unfortunate that we did not do a better job of staying in touch over the years but apparently we were both much too busy with our careers. May GOD bless and be with the family during this difficult time. Tom & Janie Gilley

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Tiffany (last year)

My heart goes out to your family. I had the honor of meeting Mr. Anderson on several occasions and was deeply sorrowful to read of his passing. He and his wife were kind, generous and loving people. Men like Wade do not come around often and the world is a lessened by his death. May your family take comfort remembering how much he

loved you.

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