



Leon Frakes

December 9, 1927 - July 8, 2020

Leon Murry Frakes was born December 9, 1927, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Henry Brandenburg and Estella Muriel Hedgecock Frakes. He died at home Wednesday, July 8, 2020, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 92 years. Leon was reared on the family farm on East Apache St. He was a graduate of East Central High School where he excelled in basketball, participated in 4-H, and served as the Senior Class President. Leon's entire life was dedicated to Rodeo. He and his classmate, Jim Shoulders, began their bull riding careers as teenagers practicing on Grandpa Frakes' dairy herd. Leon participated in rodeos all over the United States in the 1940s and 1950s and was a member of the professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (RCA). He transitioned into the stock contractor business in 1957. In 1976 he formed the OMAK Rodeo company and produced rodeos across the Midwest. After 50 years of producing rodeos and raising many top performing bulls and bucking horses, Leon retired from the rodeo business in 2008. Though retired from the business, Leon remained engaged with rodeo by continuing to raise bucking bulls. To his many friends and rodeo family, Leon is fondly referred to as "Pappy". Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His children; Melanie Frakes Stokes, of Owasso, Oklahoma
John Frakes and wife Jan, of Owasso, Oklahoma
Henry "Hank" Frakes, and wife Heather, of Purcellville, Virginia
Sara Cresswell (Stepdaughter), of Owasso, Oklahoma
Grandchildren; Michael Stokes

Shelbie Frakes Morehead

Henry, Estella, Lucy, Natalie and Peter Frakes

Cindy Slagle, Shelly Scully, Scott Cresswell

Great grandchildren; Skyler Stokes

Hailey and Kinsley Morehead

Kaley Slagle, Vivian, Harper, Farrah, Naomi Cresswell, Steely and JJ Scully.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Bernard Frakes, Gerald

Frakes, and Dale Frakes, sister, Lafaun Jones, first wife, Jerry (Dobey)

Frakes, and second wife Bette (Lepley) Frakes.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at

Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso

with Pastor Leonard Pirtle officiating. Com-mittal service and interment will

follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa. Arrangements and services were

entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 South Memorial Drive
Tulsa, OK 74145

Previous Events

Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 N. Garnett Rd.
Owasso, OK 74055
(918) 272-6244
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John Baldwin - October 12, 2022 at 04:08 PM

JB

“ I met Leon back in 2012! My mother, bless her soul, had back surgery and needed me to help them out. Until she could get back in her feet..

I would go to the ranch every morning to help him with the bulls! On the weekend we would gather the bulls up for a rodeo in the surrounding cities.. one of my best memories was when Leon was trying to flank one of his bulls towards the cattle trailer. When all of a sudden the bull spun around so fast and tried Leon!! I couldn't believe my eyes, this old fart with one eye at the age of 85, spun himself in the opposite direction hurled himself over the fence faster than the bull ever thought of moving!!!! My jaw dropped to the ground in amazement.. I just had my 50 year of being alive and couldn't have moved that fast.. I'm still amazed.. I spent 8 months living with him and my mother!

She was his partner for the last 20 years of his life!! TOOK real good care of him until he took his last breath!!! Sandra Jo you truly deserve to be mentioned... I'm sorry that they didn't recognize you.. I'm sorry, I didn't see this about Leon until today. I would have made it right. Rest in Peace Sandra Jo...



John Baldwin - October 12, 2022 at 03:55 PM

DR

“ Leon was a good friend of my father, John Dunbar. They were in the rodeo circuit together and remained close friends for many years. I want to express my sincere sympathy to your family. Debbie Dunbar Reese

Debbie Dunbar Reese - July 17, 2020 at 02:56 PM

MC

“ Leon and my dad, John Dunbar, were rodeo buddies and close friends for many years. I have memories of attending rodeos when dad was one of the judges, Leon was the stock contractor and my mom let me hang out with Melanie and Sara. Sending my sincere sympathy and prayers for your family. Marsha Dunbar Cartwright

Marsha Cartwright - July 15, 2020 at 03:41 PM

EB

“ I have so many memories from this man, he was like my #2 daddy. We have know him and his family since I was in the 2nd grade., so that means a loooooong time. My prayers go out to his children. Melanie, Hank, and John and Sara.
I love for the rest of my life with so many memories I will never forget.



Earlene Fifer Barlow - July 15, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ There are many memories with Pappy and other cowboys that gathered on Pine St., including Jim Shoulders and his bull, Buford T.

Vicki Bates - July 15, 2020 at 07:28 AM

Londa
Bates

“ John and Hank we are all so sorry to hear about your dad! Pappy has been a part of my life since I can remember! You know him, daddy, Greek and Don are all together somewhere now. God bless you all in this time of sorrow!



Londa Bates - July 15, 2020 at 12:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon Frakes.*



July 14, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ *Leon was good friend of my parents, Charley and Imogene Veach Beals,, they owned and operated Veach Saddlery in Tulsa for many years. My husband, Duke Clark and I and our sons, Derek,Doug and Drew send our sincere sympathy to Leon's family.Duke enjoyed his visits with Leon at the Tulsa Sale barn. lots of memories, Donna Kay Beals Clark*

donna clark - July 14, 2020 at 01:45 PM