



## Robert William James Holestine

September 16, 1938 - December 1, 2016

' Robert William James Holestine was born September 16, 1938, in Visalia, California, to Lawson Robert and Irene Pearl Ragsdale Holestine. He died Thursday, December 1, 2016, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 78 years. Bob completed his secondary education in Marshfield, Missouri, and graduated with the Marshfield High School Class of 1956. He was an outstanding student in FFA active in leadership, as well as parliamentary procedure, and earned his State Farmer Degree as a junior. He married the love of his life December 22, 1957, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Carole Alivia Abel. Bob spent much of his working life as a data processing supervisor in the aerospace, hydraulics and insurance industries. He was a longtime faithful member and volunteer of First Church in Owasso. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, but most revolved around his family, church, ball games, and community. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren in their sporting events, as well as their singing and acting. He had been active with Owasso sports since 1971, coaching Future Owasso Rams and attended any sporting event he could. He loved the University of Tulsa and had been attending games since 1961. In the past few years, he has enjoyed attending and volunteering at the Owasso Community Center. He loved his family and people. He will be greatly missed. Loving family members include: His daughter and son-in-law: Brenda and Bob Buss, of Owasso Son and daughter-in-law: Steve and Karen Holestine, of Inola, Oklahoma Five grandchildren: Eric Buss and his fiancÃ© Sally Jackson, Olivia Buss, Josh Holestine and his wife Bethany, Faith

Holestine, and Joey Holestine Four great grandsons; Ian, Jude, Griffin and Eli Holestine Five sisters; Marjorie Delores Smart, Nancy Janice Bickham and husband Bob, Linda Kay Lockwood, Beverly Diane Keylor and husband Jon, Judy Ann Roswell and husband Bill Brother; Roger Holestine and wife Jane Numerous nieces and nephews and many other family members He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Carole; sister, Janet Roberta Harp; three great grandchildren; numerous loved ones and friends. Visitation will be on Thursday, December 29, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Mowery Funeral Service, Owasso. A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2016, at First Church in Owasso with Pastor Steve Holestine officiating. Private family disposition will be held at a later date. His loved ones would like to thank the caring staff at Interim Hospice and Evergreen Care Center. The family requests memorial contributions be made to First Church, 10100 North Garnett Road, Owasso, OK 74055 or Clarehouse, 7617 South Mingo Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74133. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. [www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *'I am so sorry for your loss Brenda. You and your family are in my prayers.'* ”

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**Sandy Jackson** - December 30, 2016 at 06:13 AM

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“ *'I am blessed to have had Robert as my Brother. He was my brother/BFF/mentor. Robert had to take on the responsibility of caring for 6 younger siblings @ the age of 14, due to our Dad's disabilities. He could not have "normal" teen years, because of this, but he never complained/ continued to help us after HS graduation. Robert was the most loving/caring/giving/unselfish person I will ever know. As I told him in October, "I will see you in Heaven" . . . RIP, Robert William James Holestine!'* ”

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**Nancy Bickham** - December 10, 2016 at 03:21 PM

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“ *'What a loving man he was. I remember his cheerfulness as he came to Barnes Elementary on Monday mornings, as well as all the other times I'd see him with Eric and Olivia, his precious grandchildren. '* ”

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**Linda Johnston** - December 10, 2016 at 02:49 PM

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“ *'Remember the smile!!!! We thank Bob for all he did for us and the Lord. '* ”

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**Cecil and Nita Snider** - December 08, 2016 at 11:41 PM