



Samuel Evan Orr

December 3, 1931 - January 30, 2026

Samuel Evan Orr was born December 3, 1931, in Ash Flat, Arkansas, to Samuel Melvin Orr and Vista Ethel Martin Orr. He died Friday, January 30, 2026, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, at the age of 94 years. Sam was reared and educated in Owasso, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Owasso High School Class of 1950. He continued his education attending Oklahoma A & M University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Sam was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Army. He was married June 18, 1955, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, to Patricia Ann Giles, and they were married nearly 64 years.

Sam spent most of his professional working life as an engineer with Rockwell International and Nordam, both located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He took great pride in contributing to numerous specialized and historic projects such as Saturn V and Apollo rocket boosters. He also worked with the B-1B Bomber and Stealth programs and the design of the Space Shuttle payload bay doors. Sam was a longtime member of the Church of Christ having faithfully served as a deacon with the Valley View (Tulsa), Collinsville, and Owasso congregations. He oversaw new construction projects including building design and preparing blueprints for auditoriums and other facilities for the Collinsville and Owasso congregations. He also took care of building maintenance and upkeep and was actively involved in personal work and outreach programs.

Sam loved his family and his grandchildren were especially dear to him. As a

devoted Christian, he always took moments to teach about God and how we are to live and serve him. He led by example, always making time for others and never saying no when anyone asked for help. A true all-around handyman, Sam could fix just about anything and it was part of his everyday life to use moments to teach us skills and encourage us to think creatively when solving problems. In doing so, he helped us gain confidence and learn how to take care of ourselves and the things that needed attention in life. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes including woodworking, fishing, gardening, and simply being outdoors. These were also hobbies he passed on to all his grandchildren. We always said he loved to just go out and “tinker around” on his land – there was always something to be done and as a hard worker he enjoyed being out there.

Those he leaves behind who hold a lifetime of cherished memories include:

Two daughters; Kathy Orr

Holly Petrosky and husband Don

Grandchildren; Adam Lively and wife Laura

Aaron Lively and wife Tillie

Austin King and wife Meryl

Sheridan King, the favorite granddaughter

Great grandchildren; Eduardo Narvaez Lively, Aaron Kyle Lively, Aidan Lively, Jaxon Lively, and Ellie King

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Samuel Giles Orr, parents, Samuel M. And Vista Orr, wife, Patricia Orr, brothers, Gerald Orr, Martin Orr, Raybourn Orr, and Jack Orr, sister, Willa Dean Searce, and son-in-law, Loran King.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 6, 2026, at the Owasso Church of Christ with Dan Schnell officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Austin King, Aaron Lively, Adam Lively, Don Petrosky, Marcus Orr, John Orr, and Glenn Searce. Honorary casket bearers will be Aidan Lively and Tom Jackson. Committal service and

interment will follow at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Sam's memory to In Search Of The Lords Way, P.O. Box 371, Edmond, Oklahoma, 73083, or searchtv.org. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

www.moweryfs.com

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 South 129th East Avenue
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Owasso Church of Christ
10510 N 129th E Ave
Owasso, OK 74055

Memorial Fund

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

In Search of the Lord's Way

P.O. Box 371

Edmond, OK 73083-9901

searchtv.org

Tribute Wall

WC

“ Witten Company purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel Evan Orr.



Witten Company - February 04 at 01:21 PM

WC

“ Witten Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Evan Orr.

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DW

“ Don and Sheryl Witten purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Samuel Evan Orr.



Don and Sheryl Witten - February 04 at 11:32 AM

DW

“ Don and Sheryl Witten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Evan Orr.

Don and Sheryl Witten - February 04 at 11:32 AM

CF

“ Chris and Sherry & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel Evan Orr.



Chris and Sherry & family - February 04 at 10:25 AM

LC

“ Linda C. purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Samuel Evan Orr.



Linda C. - February 04 at 02:57 AM

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“ Linda C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Evan Orr.

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