



Albert "Bill" Capps

March 21, 1936 - April 4, 2026

Albert "Bill" Capps, 90, of Welty, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 4, 2026, surrounded by the love of the family. He was born on March 21, 1936, in Vian, Oklahoma.

With a full heart and a life well lived, Bill is now reunited with his parents, Ethel and Joe Capps, and his siblings J.C., Jerry, Frank, Vilene, Johnny, and Jimmy. He is survived by his baby brother, Donald Ray.

Bill shared a lifetime of love with his wife, Wynema Lou, whom he married on August 24, 1962. For 63 years, they stood side by side, building a family grounded in love, strength, and unwavering commitment. He leaves behind his children, Gerald, Kimberly, Melanie, and Natalie, and six grandsons who proudly knew him as both "Grandpa" and "Bill"—each one holding a special place in his heart.

Bill was a man of quiet strength—soft spoken, steady, and strong in his own way. He could be stubborn when he believed in something, but that same determination was what carried him through a lifetime of hard work and devotion to his family. He had a way of lightening moments with a funny saying, often simple but unforgettable, leaving those around him smiling long after.

He graduated from Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma and went on to earn his master's degree in education and industrial arts from Northeastern State University Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Teaching was more than a profession—it was part of who he was. Beginning in 1961, he spent 35 years shaping young lives, first in wood shop class and later in middle school math. He also coached football and softball teams, leading them to many league championships. Whether in the classroom or on the field, he poured his time, patience, and heart into those he guided, teaching not just skills, but character, discipline, and perseverance. The lessons he taught will carry on for generations.

Outside of work, Bill found joy in the outdoors & working the land. He was an avid quail and pheasant hunter and loved spending time fishing—moments where he could slow down, enjoy nature. After years of farming almond orchards in California's Central Valley, he fulfilled a lifelong dream in retirement by ranching—raising Limousin and Angus cattle in Welty, Oklahoma. He took pride in early mornings, honest work, and the life he built with his own hands.

To his family, Bill was everything—a provider, a teacher, a coach, and a protector. His love was not always spoken, but it was steady, dependable, and deeply felt in every sacrifice he made and every quiet moment he gave. It showed in the life he built, the sacrifices he made, and the quiet way he cared for those around him.

He will be remembered for his strength, his stubborn spirit, his gentle voice, and the sayings that will echo in the hearts of those who loved him. His legacy lives on in his family and in the many lives he touched—both in the classroom, on the field, and beyond.

He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Happy trails, until we meet again

Celebration of Life to follow Graveside Service.

Please join the family at:

The Property Event Center

11500 S 129th E. Ave

Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

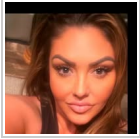
Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Graveside Service

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Park Grove Cemetery
1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Tribute Wall



“ *I don't know what I did right to deserve a daddy like you with oh so much patience & not sure what he did to get a kid like me that immensely tested it but I'm forever grateful to have been raised by this man I'm blessed to call daddy.*

Natalie Capps Cmt - May 24 at 12:09 PM

FF

“ *From the Langston and Taylor Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Albert "Bill" Capps.*



From the Langston and Taylor Families - May 15 at 02:10 PM

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“ *CHARLOTTE SMITH lit a candle in memory of Albert "Bill" Capps*



CHARLOTTE SMITH - May 15 at 10:01 AM

CS

Ray and I have spent many years of fun and friendship with Bill and Nema. Nema and I became friends in high school and continued through out life. Going to college and getting our Masters together.

We married within 2 months of each other and visited throughout life California to Oklahoma.

We miss you Bill . See you in the future. God's Blessings and Hugs for your Family,

CHARLOTTE SMITH - May 15 at 10:10 AM

JB

“ Bill was one of my biggest mentors and although over 50 years older than myself he was a true friend that I often found myself relating with more than my peers. Bill and Nema befriended my parents after purchasing their ranch in Oklahoma. They quickly began having weekly dinners in town or at one another’s homes followed by intensely competitive board games. I quickly grew to enjoy these dinners more than anyone in the group I believe. That old man’s stories, sayings and mannerisms turned into goals. I worked pipeline construction in the summers between college semesters and learned that Bill had done the same. We shared stories of pipelining and figured out that more things were the same in those 50 years difference than had changed. We talked about agriculture and working with everything you have in order to chase a dream. Bill was a worker to his core. He’d survived more farm accidents than imaginable and didn’t seem to ever slow down until it absolutely wasn’t possible.

I have a million quotes from Bill that are used on a rolling basis but the one that gets the most head wags from my wife and is used every time we consider a purchase stems from a conversation I had with Bill. While visiting about the struggles of making a farm work these days I asked Bill how he’s made farming work across so many years and different types of agriculture ventures and his response with a laugh and big grin was “Don’t buy anything you want and only half of what you need”. Many of these lines, advice and stories will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Godspeed Bill. Thanks for everything. Until we meet again rancher.

Joshua Brewer - April 16 at 12:03 AM