

## J. O. Work

March 1, 1938 - April 13, 2021

Funeral services for J.O. Work have been scheduled for 11:00 AM, Monday, April 19, 2021 at Woodlake Church in Tulsa. Pastor Jamie Austin will minister. Burial will follow at 1:30 PM at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa, under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home.

J.O. Work, son of Jimmy and Kathleen Work, was born on Tuesday, March 1, 1938 in Quinton, Oklahoma. He passed this life at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. He was 83 years of age.

J.O. was a 1956 graduate of Quinton, Oklahoma high school. He married Miss Linda Schell on May 25, 1962 at Capitol Hill Assembly of God Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. J.O. served the various ministries of Evangelist Oral Roberts for ... as J.O. would say ... 56 years, 3 months, and 6 days (but who's counting) and retired as the Director of Information Systems for Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association and Oral Robert University. He enjoyed golfing with buddies, watching World War II and western movies, telling bad dad jokes (over and over again), beating his friends at Skip-Bo, attending ORU basketball, and attending grandkid activities. J.O. was very involved at Woodlake Church, including serving on the Light for the Lost Steak Team, teaching the teenage Sunday School class and serving as President of the Pacesetters Sunday School class on more than one occasion. His greatest love came from making his family and friends laugh, especially his grandkids.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials sent to Light for the Lost Missions, Woodlake Church, 10444 South Mingo Road, Tulsa, OK 74133.

He is survived by,

Wife, Linda Work, of the home

Daughter, LeAnne and husband Randy Langley, Jenks, OK

Son, Jason and wife Carrie Work, Tulsa, OK

Grandchildren, Spencer, Connor, Abigail and Liam, Jenks and Tulsa, OK

Sisters, Bonita Pearce, Pocola, OK

Shirley Sisson, Osage Beach, MO

Janis Smith, Houston, TX

Brother, Randy Work, Talihina, OK

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy and Kathleen.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 S. Memorial Dr.  
Tulsa, OK 74145  
(918) 627-0220  
<http://memorialparktulsa.com>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**APR 18.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

**APR 18.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
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## Funeral Service

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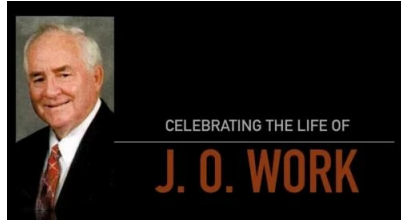
APR **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Woodlake Church South Tulsa  
10444 South Mingo  
Tulsa, OK 74133

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of J. O. Work*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - April 16, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *J. O. Work*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *J.O. was my best boss as well. He modeled servant leadership supremely. He never delegated anything he wasn't willing to tackle himself. He helped me go beyond what I thought was possible, with an ever present optimism and faith. He saw the heart and motivation of the employees and partners committed to the ministry with an ever present 'big picture view'. His humor always caught everyone off guard. In his humble manner, J.O. had tremendous influence on the success of so many individuals and the Oral Robert's ministry. May God give him rest and joyful reunion in Glory.*

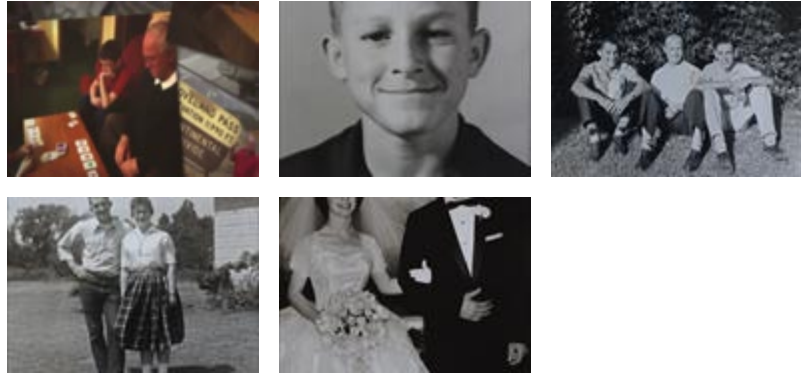
*Dale Tranberg*

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**Dale Tranberg** - April 20, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 19, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of J. O. Work.



April 18, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ A great friend  
Developed computer use for ORAL ROBERTS that enabled the mass mailings  
Without him I do not know what we could have done  
Souls are in heaven because of his fine spirit and work  
JO I ADMIRE YOU ! May GOD tell you how much you are missed  
😂❤️🙏🙏👍

william jernigan - April 16, 2021 at 11:10 PM

WM

“ *Linda and family  
Patricia and my prayers are with you.  
J.O. was by far the best boss I ever had. Not only was he a mentor  
for my position, but also a mentor on Christian life. He was more like  
a father than a boss. I can not put into words how much he meant to  
me. A great Christian man has gone to be with the Father.  
I will always remember J(only) O(only).*

Warren McGuire - April 16, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of J. O. Work.*



April 16, 2021 at 12:33 PM

CW

“ *There are not enough gratifying words for me to express how I  
value the friendship of J O and Linda these past 60 years. J O was  
always like a "younger brother". My heart is broken also; I will be  
keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult  
time. My love and prayers. Colleen McIntire Wilkerson*

Colleen Wilkerson - April 15, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LF

“ *Love, Your ORU FIT Family purchased the Divine  
Peace Bouquet for the family of J. O. Work.*



Love, Your ORU FIT Family - April 15, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. O. Work.*



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April 15, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *To Linda Work and the family of J. O. Work, J.O. was one of the very best people I ever worked with, extremely dedicated to each position he filled. I sometimes called him, "Mr. honesty and integrity". If I had a younger brother, I would want him to be exactly like J.O. Even though he made me look bad on the golf course, he made me look good in the office. There is absolutely no doubt that he is with our Lord and Savior right now.*

*May God Bless You All as you reflect on how great a person he was.*

*George Stovall*

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**George Stovall** - April 15, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of J. O. Work.*



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April 15, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. O. Work.*



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April 15, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *I am very blessed to have known J O. Although I worked with J O for only two years at OREA he has been an inspiration and role model for me my entire life. Two years that impacted my life for the better. J O is one of the nicest and honorable men I have ever known. I enjoyed working for J O and every now and then J O would invite me to play golf with him and the Pastor. Another thing - J O was one of six people who interviewed me for a job at ORU back in 1980. J O made me an offer to work at OREA and thus we moved the family to Tulsa from Seattle. Thank you so much J O for everything you did for me. Throughout my life I always thanked the Lord Jesus Christ that He allowed me to know you. I'll see you down the road.*

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**Mike Connors** - April 15, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Becki Beyer lit a candle in memory of J. O. Work*



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**Becki Beyer** - April 15, 2021 at 10:39 AM

BB

*My sincere condolences for the loss of your sweet husband, father and friend to all he met. JO was one of the most caring and sweetest men I have ever known, always a smile, kind word or funny word. He will be missed, looking forward to that sweet bye and bye. My love to you Linda, Jason, and LeAnne, keep his sweet memories alive!*

Becki Beyer - April 15, 2021 at 10:44 AM

LB

“ J O Work will forever be a tribute to his master The Lord Jesus Christ.  
J O spent much of his life supporting the endeavors of Oral Roberts. It is there as the Director of Information Technology I was honored to work with him.

*He loved his son and daughter and often talked about them and their children. J O also loved his church and those he worshiped with.*

*What a person to have in my life. Will see you soon in heaven.*

*Larry Bledsoe*

Larry Bledsoe - April 14, 2021 at 04:44 PM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the J.O. family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Work.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 13, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - April 13, 2021 at 04:09 PM