



## James Goodner

December 12, 1923 - June 23, 2017

Jimmie Goodner, an avid fisherman and World War II Navy veteran, passed away on Friday, June 23, 2017, on what would have been his 67th wedding anniversary. He was 93 years old.

He was born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to Ralph and Laura Goodner. After serving in the United States Navy, he returned home with an honorable discharge to work at his father's service station on Main and Broadway. Upon his father's passing, Jimmie took over the station and ran it until the late 1970s when he retired to focus on his cattle and poultry.

Jimmie and his beloved wife, Betty, a former Home Economics teacher in Broken Arrow, were married on June 23, 1950. Together they had two daughters, two granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter. He was a wonderful husband and father who loved spending time with his family.

Whether fishing, hunting, or golfing with his friends and family, Jimmie loved being outdoors. Jimmie started many days at the donut shop on Main Street and on occasion, he would end it with a competitive game of cards with friends and family. He loved Broken Arrow and the people who called it home. He was proud to be a life-long resident.

A true storyteller, Jimmie's best story is the story of his life; a story that will not

soon be forgotten by those who have felt his love, generosity, and abundant spirit.

Jimmie is survived by:

Daughters Teri Dorshorst and Debi Goodner

Grandchildren Keana Dorshorst and Danielle Wright

Great Grandchild Elliana

Sister Hellen Keller and husband Melvin

Jimmie was preceded in death by his wife Betty, parents Ralph and Laura and sisters: Mary Jo, Gladys and Pauline.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Broken Arrow Museum  
400 S. Main St., 3rd Floor  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Goodner*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *When we moved , to what was in 1973 the "country", Jimmy and Betty were our neighbors. He walked that dirt road every morning, rain or shine. Our phone numbers were a digit apart so we talked often. Every spring he would drive his tractor down to plow our garden space. I think it got bigger every year. Jimmy would always bring us fish from his many fishing trips. The apples they picked from our tree would come back to us at Christmas in the form of delicious treats. There are so many stories to tell I could go on and on. Bottom line is Jimmy and Betty were beautiful neighbors and wonderful people. We miss them both very much .*

**Kathryn Carr** - July 05, 2017 at 11:09 AM



*Thank you for your kind words, Kathryn.  
Debi Goodner*

**Debi Goodner** - July 06, 2017 at 09:35 PM

JL

“ Jimmie was flat out my favorite uncle, as Betty, his wife, was my favorite aunt. They were priceless relatives whom I visited often in my college years, as my parents were in Japan. Jimmie and Betty became my second parents, always there for me, loving, fun, and generous with their affection. They were "town favorites", who knew everyone and were loved by all..They began their lives together in a little cottage in town, and ended up in a fine, big ranch home on the river outside town. Betty had a huge vegetable garden, and Jimmie raised chickens, cattle, a few horses, and a pig or two. Jimmie was the quintessential farmer, in that he left his muddy shoes on the porch and dropped all his clothes on the bathroom floor for someone else to pick up. He couldn't make himself even a sandwich....had to have Betty make his lunch every single day.

*He was an excellent uncle, a terrific friend (for years, he met a bunch of guys at Dairy Queen each morning for coffee....never missed it), and funny. He loved showing me and my brother Jim his family's old farm, along with the field where he said he once threw out a silver dollar. Never went back to fetch it.*

*He will be soundly missed. Unique, true-blue, reliable, hard-working, dependable. What a guy we had., and still have in our memories.*

*Jo Lou Bohart (niece on Peck side)*

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Jo Lou - July 02, 2017 at 04:31 PM

CW

“ Dear family, I am so sorry for your loss. It was my pleasure to assist your Dad at AVB in past years. I have missed not being able to visit with him the past few years. Of course, your Mother was my first Home Ec teacher in 8th grade and that was our connection. They were a great couple and loved by all. God Bless and comfort you.



*Carol Sue Willcutt*

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**Carol Sue Willcutt** - June 29, 2017 at 06:45 AM



*Carol Sue, I remember you from my many visits to AVB with Mom. She always looked for you when we came into the bank. Thank for sharing your memory with us.*

*Debi Goodner*

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**Debi Goodner** - July 06, 2017 at 09:39 PM

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



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - June 26, 2017 at 01:05 PM