



James "Jimmy" Osmond Bowles

November 10, 1932 - February 18, 2025

James Osmond Bowles was born on November 10, 1932, in his Broken Arrow, Oklahoma home, the beloved son of Charles and Cora Bowles. On February 18, 2025, at the age of 92, he met his Lord and Savior and was joyfully reunited with his sweetheart, Phyllis.

Jim's roots were deeply planted in Broken Arrow, where he graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1950. He found his true love, Phyllis, and they were married on October 25, 1955, at the Broken Arrow Assembly of God church. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised three wonderful children: Janie, Jamey, and Joey.

Drafted by the United States Army in 1953, Jim served in the Korean conflict, where he combined his passion for radio and television broadcasting by spinning records and reading news for the Armed Forces Radio Network. Upon returning stateside, he continued his service in the Army reserve for many years.

Jim's love for broadcasting was evident in every aspect of his life and he'd often be found holding a microphone or camera. While serving as the voice of Broken Arrow Tiger Sports for KTBA radio, he created a mobile broadcast station in his Buick, allowing him to provide play-by-play commentary from the driver's seat. This was just one of his many interesting duct tape engineering

accomplishments.

He cherished documenting family moments, ensuring that holidays and trips were recorded, much to the amusement and occasional annoyance of his children. Though usually a quiet man, Jim could talk endlessly about his family or sports when in front of a camera. His vast knowledge of baseball and football, coupled with his 30 years running up and down football fields as a high school referee, brought him many exciting adventures across the state.

Those who knew Jim recognized his gentle soul and selflessness. He always put others first, even if he didn't know exactly how to help. As an engineer of sorts, he could fix anything with old wires and duct tape, making things work in his unique way.

Jim's laughter was infectious, starting with a grin, followed by a hearty chuckle and a shake of his head. He loved slapstick comedies, especially those in the Vacation, Airplane, and Naked Gun franchises, and enjoyed watching and laughing with his family.

You would have never known that he was a million miles from a million dollars, because he was a giver at heart. Jim expressed his love through acts of kindness, surprise gifts, and always remembering what people wanted.

He was many things: a husband, dad, grandad, brother, veteran, broadcast engineer, play-by-play announcer, referee, friend, but above all, he was faithful. Faithful in his giving and serving in his church, faithful to his bride, and faithful in showing love to those around him.

The world was a better place with Jim in it. His little wave goodbye will be dearly missed, but we look forward to the day when we will see his wave hello once again.

Jim is survived by:

His Children: Janie Royse and husband, Kent of Bedford, Texas
Jamey Bowles and wife, Lisa of Duncan, Oklahoma
Joey Bowles and wife, Gentry of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Siblings: William Bowles of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Gloria Hail and husband, Don of Tulsa, Oklahoma
Charles Bowles and wife, Betty of Broken Arrow

Grandchildren: Chelsea Royse, Corey Royse, Kaila (Alex) Goode, Darian Bowles,
Jamison Bowles, Jaxon Bowles

Great-Grandchildren: Lucas Goode, Lyra Goode

Many Nieces and Nephews

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Phyllis Bowles.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Aspen Creek Assembly of God
5100 S. Aspen
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 28, 2025 at 10:28 AM

CW

I remember as a teenager we would go out to eat on Sunday night's after church, that is IF we could talk someone into driving the bus. Well, lots of times it was Jimmy to the rescue! He had a heart for service and for youth. The host of believers is getting bigger and bigger in heaven.

Carri Crutchfield Wilson - February 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM

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“ Lindley Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James "Jimmy" Osmond Bowles.



Lindley Family - February 27, 2025 at 12:52 AM

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“ Lindley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jimmy" Osmond Bowles.

Lindley Family - February 27, 2025 at 12:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jimmy" Osmond Bowles.



February 24, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ Pam M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James “Jimmy” Osmond Bowles.

Pam M. - February 24, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ So sad for the Bowles family to lose this wonderful man! But I am betting there was one big crowd waiting at the gates. Brother Dodd has welcomed another one of his boys.
Nancy Bart Smith

Nancy Bart Smith - February 21, 2025 at 11:27 AM



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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 18, 2025 at 10:34 AM