



## Robert Lee Pinkston Sr.

December 8, 1938 - May 3, 2024

Robert Lee Pinkston Sr. was born December 8, 1938, in Okmulgee, OK and passed away at his home in Natura, OK May 3, 2024.

Robert "Bob" was a lifetime member of the Bowring Baptist Church. Bob graduated from Twin Hills Public School in 1956. He served in the National Guard, 279th Infantry. Bob attended Conners State College and then he attended Northeastern State University where he received a bachelor's degree in education and later a master's degree in administration.

Bob married the love of his life, Carol Pinkston March 31, 1961, at Preston Baptist Church. They were married for 61 years and 3 months. They have four children- Robert, Cindy, Sherri, and John Pinkston.

He began his teaching career at Natura School and taught for one year, then began at Twin Hills Public School where he coached basketball, taught math then soon became Superintendent. He retired after 52 years of working in public education.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Carol Pinkston, his parents Delmar and Elma Pinkston, one brother Darrell Dean Pinkston, one sister Ruthy Jean Pinkston.

Bob leaves behind four children of Natura, OK. Robert and Teresa Pinkston, Cindy and Patrick Taylor, Sherri and Gary McElroy, and John and Chelsea Pinkston. 13 grandchildren- Nick Taylor of Tulsa, OK, Lee and Paige Pinkston of Natura, OK, Denver Pinkston of Austin, TX, Brett and Madi Taylor of Natura, OK, Darbi and Cameron Benavidez of Twin Hills, OK, Dax and PJ

McElroy of Natura OK, Rylee and Allison Pinkston of Natura, OK, Kaylyn Bailey of Beggs, OK, Johnathan Hutchinson of Beggs, OK, Daci, Nevaeh, and Brentley McElroy of Natura, OK. 4 great-grandchildren- Brynlee and Morgan Pinkston of Natura, OK, Tripp McElroy of Natura, OK, and Mateo Benavidez of Twin Hills, OK.

Bob's hobbies included watching his grandchildren compete in sports, checking his cattle, going to the sale barn, and sitting on the back porch watching his cats.

Casket Bearers will be Nick Taylor, Lee Pinkston, Denver Pinkston, Brett Taylor, Dax McElroy, Cameron Benavidez, Jared Sutter, Zac Pinkston, Jake McCullah, Ben Pinkston, and Laramie Pinkston.

Honorary Pallbearers – Brynlee Pinkston, Morgan Pinkston, Tripp McElroy, Allison Pinkston, and Mateo Benavidez

Funeral services will be held at 2PM Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Twin Hills Gymnasium.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Morris. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Robert's Tribute Page of our website. [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Twin Hills Gymnasium  
7255 Twin Hills Rd  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

# Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Lee Pinkston Sr.



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - May 16, 2024 at 11:19 PM

DM

“ Was a westside elementary student of cindy's when interning in mid 70's & attending nsu, later. great job, sir. Rip & hugs, y'all! --Bulldog '84.



David Miller - May 08, 2024 at 02:10 PM

CC

“ Cindy Costanza purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Robert Lee Pinkston Sr..



Cindy Costanza - May 07, 2024 at 09:08 PM

CC

“ Cindy Costanza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Pinkston Sr..

Cindy Costanza - May 07, 2024 at 09:08 PM

MS

“ Mr. Pinkston was a great man. I was always scared to death when I went into his office even though it was well deserved. Years later when I would see him, he'd remind me of my favorite go to question when I was in trouble, "Who, me sir." I couldn't believe that he'd remember that after all the years that had passed. I always held him in the highest regards, I just wish I could have spent 6th-8th grade at Twin Hills under his guidance.

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**Matt Six** - May 07, 2024 at 03:11 PM

KG

“ Mr. Pinkston was one of the best men I've ever had the privilege of knowing. He loved his students. He wanted the best for them. He was kind, and caring. He was fair. And he had a great sense of humor. I am lucky to have gone to Twin Hills, and I benefited greatly from being a student there. He was the kind of teacher/principal/superintendent that they make movies about. Prayers to his family, this is a tremendous loss for them.

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**Kevin Gunter** - May 07, 2024 at 02:31 PM

GB

“ Mr. Pinkston had such an impact on our lives without me knowing it. Mom, Mrs. Jane Brown, really admired and respected her decades long boss. I did too and loved his smile and caring demeanor.



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**Greg Brown** - May 07, 2024 at 06:53 AM

GA

“ Gail Kelly Allred lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Pinkston Sr.



Gail Kelly Allred - May 06, 2024 at 10:45 PM

DF

“ Like so many of you, I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Pinkston (even when I was in his office, whether for good behavior or bad!). I am so grateful for everything he taught me and the encouragement he gave me for my four years at Twin Hills and for years after that. I know he had a place in his heart for every student that came through the school there, and I know he had his favorite stories to tell about me (usually about me working on the pop machine and having to find the parts I'd removed when they finally got a service man out there!). I'm sorry I won't be able to be there for his service, but I'll be thinking of you all, and keep you and him in my prayers. He will be missed!

Dr. Michael D. Foegelle - May 06, 2024 at 08:09 PM

MF

The comment tool didn't quite get my signature right. Michael Foegelle here!

Michael Foegelle - May 06, 2024 at 08:11 PM



“ Darece Gayer lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Pinkston Sr.



Darece Gayer - May 06, 2024 at 07:28 PM

TH

“ *Mr. Pinkston was an amazing and Godly man! He helped many people of the TwinHills community out. He meant the world to my dad. Praying for your family!*

Teauna Hause - May 06, 2024 at 01:23 PM

MH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Maggie Hackler - May 06, 2024 at 11:48 AM

PD

“ *One of the greatest men I've ever known. Always had a smile and open arms to give a hug. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Peggy Cantrell Dangott*

Peggy Dangott - May 06, 2024 at 10:24 AM

LN

“ *Mr. Pinkston you will be missed! Knew kids and family names that came to all school events, he always asked about my kids, even after they were gone and had moved on, he will be missed.*

LaDonna Northcross - May 05, 2024 at 09:37 AM

RK

“ *One of the greatest men Okmulgee county has ever seen. Bob was very humble and was a pure joy to converse with when he came into our barber shop. -Ralph & Roger*

Roger Kovarik - May 04, 2024 at 09:51 PM

TC

*Mr. Pinkston had a HUGE IMPACT ON THE CORNWELL FAMILY!!! HE WAS TRULY A GREAT FRIEND, ALWAYS THE SAME EVERYTIME I SEEN HIM AT BALLGAMES OR THE TWIN HILLS CARNIVAL, HE WOULD ALWAYS GIVE ME A BEAR - HUG, WITH A SMILE 😊, I WILL MISS SEEING HIM AROUND, THANKS FOR ALWAYS TREATING THE CORNWELL FAMILY WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT!!! WE LOVED OUR MR. PINKSTON ❤️ TRESSY- CORNWELL - ANDERSON GONE BUT NEVER EVER FORGOTTEN!!!!*

TRESSY Cornwell-Anderson - May 06, 2024 at 11:00 AM

SM

*“ I cannot remember a time that I went to a function at the Twin Hills School that Mr. Pinkston was not there. He always would greet everyone with a huge smile- he would ask me about my family. Such truly wonderful man- a true icon of the community. His family is so genuinely nice- he will be truly missed. My deepest condolences.*

Suzanne Anderson McIntosh - May 04, 2024 at 09:03 PM

ZC

*“ Zandra Christy lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Pinkston Sr.*



zandra christy - May 04, 2024 at 07:38 PM

“Mr. and Mrs. Pinkston are two of the greatest people I have ever known. I believe I was in the 3rd grade when they came to Twin Hills. James Henson was the principal at the time. Mr. Henson moved to another school, and Mr. Pinkston became teacher, coach, and principal at Twin Hills. He never left Twin Hills, but probably had opportunities to do so. The thing that made him a great teacher is that he, first, was a great person. People like Lonnie Mayfield and I learned of his greatness not only in the classroom, but in the many hours, from 4th grade to 8th grade, that we spent sitting on the red leather seats in his office as we were counseled regarding right from wrong, and receiving the stinging licks that we rightfully had coming. I am bragging on Mr. Pinkston for both the counseling and the licks. When we left his office, we had learned, and whatever we had done was history. It was over. He never held anything against us. We respected him and knew that we had been treated fairly. He impressed on us to always tell the truth. That meant something coming from him because we knew he was a man of integrity, even though we probably had never heard of the word, "integrity," at the time. But he was a role model, because we saw in him the same things he taught to us. I can say in my prayers, "Thank you Lord for the blessing of having been taught and having known Mr, and Mrs, Pinkston." The two of them have now reached the goal of each and every Christian, to be at home with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the rest of us follow them to this glorious eternal home. And I ask God that you comfort their children and grandchildren at this time. Please blanket them with your mercy and grace. I believe the words of Jesus, "Whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die," John 11:26.

*Blessings to all,*

*Billy Clarkson*

TL

“ Sorry for your loss. He was amazing man. My thoughts and prayers are with you 🙏❤️



Terri Kiehl Ledford - May 04, 2024 at 01:37 PM

CC

“ He was I great man taught me alot on the court,classroom and out.



Clay Copenhaver - May 04, 2024 at 11:39 AM

PB

“ Many great memories! He was a remarkable man. Prayers for all the family, the Twin Hills and Preston communities and all of the lives that this special man touched. 💜 Paula

Paula Wade Blair - May 04, 2024 at 11:25 AM

GC

“ Granvile Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Pinkston Sr.



Granvile Copenhaver - May 04, 2024 at 04:40 AM

LM

“ *Mr. Pinkston was a very likeable person.  
Prayers for all the family he will be missed* 🙏  
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Lynn Mann - May 03, 2024 at 10:23 PM

KP

“ *Karla Poe lit a candle in memory of Robert  
Lee Pinkston Sr.*



Karla Poe - May 03, 2024 at 07:18 PM

EL

“ *Ernest Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of  
Robert Lee Pinkston Sr.*



Ernest ledbetter - May 03, 2024 at 07:09 PM

EL

*One of a kind a good man with a good heart would tell you how it is  
love him for that. My prayers for the Family*

Ernest ledbetter - May 03, 2024 at 07:11 PM

GS

*We're so sorry ... we've loved the entire Pinkston Family for many  
years. Kids, we pray for peace and mended hearts for all of you.*

Glenn Shirley Scott - May 04, 2024 at 02:37 AM