



Thomas William Grimmatt

September 21, 1936 - August 20, 2020

Thomas William (“Tom”) Grimmatt, 83, life-long resident of Okmulgee County, died after a brief stay at St. Francis Hospital on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Tom was born at home in Bald Hill, Oklahoma on September 21, 1936 to Alvis and Mabel (Miller) Grimmatt. He was the youngest of six siblings born to Alvis and Mabel Grimmatt. He graduated from Twin Hills High School, served for two years in the U.S. Army after being drafted, graduated from Northeastern State University (Tahlequah) in 1962 and completed his Master’s Degree in Education at Northeastern State University in 1968.

Tom married Janice Denney in August of 1962 and began his teaching and coaching career at Dover High School in Dover, Oklahoma. After teaching at Dover, he continued his teaching and coaching career at Liberty Mounds, Coweta and Owasso Schools, eventually retiring from Beggs Schools, after 38 years of teaching. For most of his life, Tom and Janice were residents of the Bald Hill/Twin Hills community, living in the same home where he was born until his death. During his time at Twin Hills, he raised Hereford cattle and other livestock, supported his sons in their sports, livestock showing and public speaking endeavors and remained a faithful and ardent sports fan, attending games at Preston High School and Beggs High School, often in support of his grandchildren. Tom and Janice were active members of Crossroads Baptist Church in Beggs, Oklahoma. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, his brothers Harold (“Pete”), Leonard and Alvin

Grimmett and his sister, Nettie Crenshaw.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Janice Grimmett, his sons and their wives, Rod and Dana Grimmett of Beggs, Greg and Stacy Grimmett of Wellston and Randy and Allison Grimmett of Los Angeles; his sister Geneva Roberts of Twin Hills, grandchildren Kyle Grimmett of Nuyaka, Ashleigh Callahan of Beggs, Zack Grimmett of Beggs, Nick Grimmett of Beggs, Bailey Stremme of Tulsa, Kelsey Starks of Wellston, Treyton and Blaiklyn Grimmett of Wellston and Adeline and Ellie Grimmett of Los Angeles; grand-in-laws, Peyton Callahan, Emily Grimmett, Paige Grimmett, Brett Stremme and Ricky Starks and great-grandchildren Kaleigh Thompson Callahan, Abby, Calvin and Samantha Callahan, Noah and Nate Grimmett, Lincoln and Livia Grimmett and Brantley and Kaisyn Starks.

Funeral services will be on Monday, August 24th at 10 am at Crossroads Baptist Church. Viewing will be at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Beggs, OK on Saturday, August 22nd from 8:30 am-12 noon. Burial will be at the Haskell Cemetery.

Pall bearers will be Kyle Grimmett, Zack Grimmett, Nick Grimmett, Treyton Grimmett, Denver Markes, Nate Porter, Brett Stremme, Peyton Callahan and Ricky Starks.

Cemetery Details

Haskell Cemetery

Haskell, OK 74436

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs
205 West Main
PO Box 750 (for mail)
Beggs, OK 74421
(918) 267-4444
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church
Beggs, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas William Grimmett*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Very nice man. I'll always remember the evening of my senior year 2000 pie auction and him just doing his best job at it. Thank you for everything you will be missed dearly. Sorry for your loss Mrs.Grimmet and family*

Laura Lawson - September 04, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Jeffrey L Culbert lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett*



Jeffrey L Culbert - August 26, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *April Bernard (Dixon) lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett*



April Bernard (Dixon) - August 25, 2020 at 08:51 PM

BR

“ *Janice.....We are remembering Tom and all of the great basketball memories we had together. He was a good classmate and lifelong friend to all of us old NSU coaches. His memory will live on through all the kids he coached and lives he touched. We are praying for you and your family.*

*Sincerely,
Bob and Deanne Rice*

Bob ans Deanne Rice - August 24, 2020 at 02:59 PM

LN

“ *LaDonna Northcross lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett*



LaDonna Northcross - August 24, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JM

“ *Jerry & Martha McKee lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett*



Jerry & Martha McKee - August 23, 2020 at 08:13 PM

CR

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family. Tom was a good man and friend to so many people. We have lots of memories of ballgames with our grandkids. He will be missed.*

Jim and Carolyn Robinson

Carolyn Robinson - August 23, 2020 at 08:07 PM

ZC

“ *Zandra Christy lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett*



Zandra Christy - August 23, 2020 at 10:09 AM

RW

“ *Robyn Whitecloud lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett*



Robyn Whitecloud - August 23, 2020 at 09:45 AM

SS

“ *Janice and Boys, we send our deepest sympathy; please know all the family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



Glenn and Shirley Scott

Shirley Scott - August 23, 2020 at 01:17 AM

SM

“ *Prayers for the family. He was a good man and educator. He touched many lives.*

Sharlette Martin - August 22, 2020 at 11:40 PM

CT

“ Condolences and prayers for the family. I'm thankful for the memories of Mr. Grimmert as a teacher, but I'm blessed to later have him as my co-worker and friend. We shared many joys with him as my boys were growing up, and he will be missed.

Cindy Taylor - August 22, 2020 at 12:42 PM

WS

“ Memories of love and friendship are treasures to carry with you always. We hold you safe in our hearts at this time of sadness.
The Simms Family

Wayne and Lisa Simms - August 22, 2020 at 11:49 AM

RA

“ Mr. Grimmert was my 8th grade football coach in 1971 at Owasso jr. hi. That was 49 years ago. His impact on my life?? I still think of him often and the lessons, laughter and encouragement he imparted on a 5' 2" , 120 lb. kid who loved football. We went undefeated that year, I could tell many stories, but suffice it to say he helped propel me to a college career and degree. I love Mr. Grimmert and I know he loved me.
Rick Antle

Rick Antle - August 22, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CT

“ Sending condolences to the family...Tom will be missed...enjoyed every Sunday at church and his reviews of the ballgames from that week
Ed and Carolyn taylor

carolyn and ed taylor - August 22, 2020 at 12:13 AM

JJ

“ We will surely miss Tom. He was a good friend. Our prayers for Janice & the boys. Les & JoAnn

JoAnn Johnston - August 21, 2020 at 11:56 PM

MM

“ I taught with Tom for many years. He was one of the Good Old Boys. We always had a good time and will miss seeing him at church and ballgames.

Merrill Masters - August 21, 2020 at 09:25 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deborah Ann Morris - August 21, 2020 at 08:28 PM

DM

“ I have many fond memories of uncle Tommy and I'll always remember him as being 'young at heart'. I will miss him and my mom always trying to get the last word in. Please take comfort in knowing that he touched so many people and left his imprint on the hearts of everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed.



Deborah Ann Morris - August 21, 2020 at 08:27 PM

MF

“ Mr. Grimmatt taught me to drive my junior year in high school in a station wagon no less! I was Class of '73. The man had the patience of a saint as I was pretty bad at it in the beginning but got better with his help. My prayers for his family.

Melody Forsythe-Jeschke - August 21, 2020 at 07:25 PM

BR

“ I'm gonna miss from seeing my teacher & coach. Last time I saw him was at a BB game this past year & we laughed about what he used to say at practice, "Y'all acting like a bunch of wild bulls in a China closet!!" GREAT MAN❤️

Bridgette Fisher Reagan - August 21, 2020 at 07:13 PM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with this family. May God give them peace❤️😊🙏

Coach Dub and Jackie Raper - August 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JW

“ Jennifer Winton lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmatt



Jennifer Winton - August 21, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JW

Best teacher ever!! He will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Winton - August 21, 2020 at 04:09 PM

PG

Mr Grimmatt was my basketball coach and also taught me To drive in Drivers Ed class. He was a great coach who was very involved with us and taught us great lessons for life. My condolences to his family.

Pam Geiger - August 23, 2020 at 11:42 PM

BD

“ *I worked at the High school during the time Mr. Grimmatt taught history. If i was having a bad day, I would always go find Mr. Grimmatt and he would cheer me up. I thought he was so funny!!! Prayers to Mrs. Grimmatt and the family!!!💖 This is so hard!!! I just heard it a few minutes ago. Every time I ran into him somewhere, he would always hit me on the shoulder!!!😁😁. I will miss that!! So sorry for your loss!!!!*

Brenda Thompson Demry - August 21, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MG

I am so sorry for your loss mr. Grimmatt taught me in basketball he was a great coach he will be missed.

Melanie Grayson - August 21, 2020 at 06:44 PM

CB

Oklahoma history never seemed so interesting and I'll never forget him swinging his arms in the hallways with Masters and Johnston, singing "just a swingin'" to me;)EVERY DAY my freshman year. RIP legendary Mr. G.

Charlotte Bird - August 21, 2020 at 07:38 PM

KC

To the family Of Mr. Grimmatt, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Grimmatt. RIP

Kathryn Colbert - August 21, 2020 at 10:35 PM

RT

“Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

*Thank you for the high school teaching years.
Your guidance allowed me to see the world.*

You will be missed on this earth.

*Many prayers,
Regina G Martin-Thompson
Beggs Class of 1980*



Regina G Thompson - August 21, 2020 at 11:50 AM

FW

Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Delman passes last November. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Frances Wilkie - August 21, 2020 at 01:15 PM

FA

“Farrel & Kathryn Anson lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett



Farrel & Kathryn Anson - August 21, 2020 at 11:36 AM

VB

“Vicki Brose lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett



Vicki Brose - August 21, 2020 at 11:05 AM

AB

“ *Amanda Ross Brose lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmert*



Amanda Ross Brose - August 21, 2020 at 11:01 AM

AB

Mr Grimmert is a teacher you can never forget. Lots of good memories in his class. 1 in a million..... RIP Mr Grimmert

Amanda Ross Brose - August 21, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Oh Greg, I am so sorry to hear this news. Sending big prayers and much love to you and your family.*

Pamela Adams - August 21, 2020 at 10:21 AM

KG

“ *My thoughts are with you all. Uncle Tommy was a unique person and he will surely be missed!*



kathy genovy - August 21, 2020 at 08:18 AM

GG

“ I send my condolences to the Grimmett family and I also light a candle in his memory. Mr. Grimmet was the best teacher we had because he cared about his students and made sure that we became successful in our lives.



Gail Goudeau - August 21, 2020 at 05:03 AM

SG

“ Prayers and condolences to the family.



Steve & Paula Gann - August 21, 2020 at 12:56 AM

GL

“ Gwen Lewis lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmett



Gwen Lewis - August 21, 2020 at 12:38 AM

MR

“ Rest in peace Mr. Grimmett.



Mary Dawn Long Rivas - August 21, 2020 at 12:19 AM

DH

“ Mr. Grimmert was my Dr's Ed teacher at Owasso. We were driving inTulsa and I got pulled over by the police saying I ran a red light. Mr. G jumped into defend me and argue with the officer that I didn't run a red light and he needed to have that light checked if he truly felt I obstructed the law. It was tense for a few minutes. I have told that story many times and gotten many laughs. Just wanted to share my story with you and hope you find some joy. Sincerely, Debbie Mahl Holden - OHS 1977

Debbie Mahl Holden - August 20, 2020 at 10:29 PM

GF

“ Garibaldi Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmert



Garibaldi Family - August 20, 2020 at 09:22 PM

LB

“ Linda Beard lit a candle in memory of Thomas William Grimmert



Linda Beard - August 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM

LB

So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family!

Linda Beard - August 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JV

“ *My heart breaks for my family in Oklahoma, Uncle Tommy was an amazing and loving man. I will miss talking to him when he would call to check on his sister in-law Vi, he always had a funny story. I cherish my childhood summer time memories staying with him and Aunt Janice and I am so grateful my kids were able to meet him. Aunt Janice, Rodney, Greg and Randy, Love y'all so very much*



Jenny Velez - August 20, 2020 at 09:01 PM