



## J.B. Pumphrey

November 26, 1930 - February 15, 2022

J. Brooks Pumphrey died peacefully at his home in Muskogee on February 15, 2022. He was born in 1930 in Fall River, Kansas to Lewis and Vandella Pumphrey.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Frances “Frankie” Pumphrey; and sons, Roy (Wanda) Pumphrey and Craig (Jeanine) Pumphrey. He is also survived by grandchildren, Cara, Graham, Jenaca, Britt, Erika and Joel; 17 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

J. was preceded in death by his daughter, Wanda Lea Pumphrey; grandson, Bryan Pumphrey; his parents; his brothers, Joseph and Lewis “Doc”; and sisters, Helen, Janette, and Shirley.

After graduating from high school in Fall River, J. ran heavy machinery for construction of roads and dams before beginning a career in law enforcement. He joined the Wichita (KS) Police Department and served for 20 plus years, rising to the rank of lieutenant. When he retired from the WPD, he and Frankie moved to Ft. Gibson, OK, where he built their home in the country. J. and Frankie enjoyed their horses and trail rides with friends. He also tried his hand at raising longhorn cattle, goats, pigs and chickens. J. loved tinkering with his tractors and other machinery, and was always glad to lend a hand, his many tools, or his tractor to help out a neighbor in need. His grandchildren have fond memories of riding horses, feeding the animals and fishing in the pond Grandpa stocked. J. delighted in teaching them to drive.

In retirement, J. also worked for a number of years as a trucker. He had many

stories about driving big rigs across the US, often with Frankie at his side. After retiring again, J. and Frankie took a dream trip to Alaska, driving an RV and enjoying wonderful adventures during their weeks on the road. Back in OK, he continued to collect tools and put his mechanical, construction and problem-solving skills to use. He also enjoyed baseball, old Westerns and Oklahoma City Thunder basketball.

J. and Frankie were blessed with dear friends James and Jo Ann, Barbara and Eugene, JW and Ginger, Wilmer and Sue, and faithful church friends, among others. The friends enjoyed weekly card games, short road trips, and good food together and continued to provide support as J's health failed.

J. was a member of Eastern Heights Baptist Church, Muskogee, OK.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorials may be given to Pleasant Valley Care Center or Seasons Hospice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.B. Pumphrey*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Brooks was one of my supervisors when I first got out of rookie school back in 1971. He was well liked and respected by his officers. He looked after us and was a positive influence as we went about our duties. After he retired I always looked forward to seeing and visiting with him whenever he came back to Wichita for the retiree gatherings.*

**John Hershberger** - February 24, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *J was a kind loving thoughtful man.His love for Frankie was great as was her love for J. My sister,Martha Ann,was a special woman with Down"s syndrome. J treated her with respect and love and she greatly loved her "boy friend". I shall always carry that memory of J.My deepest prayers go out to Frankie and J's family.*

**Barbara McQuaig** - February 18, 2022 at 11:39 AM



*Barbara Carol, thank you for remembering such a precious time. Your memory of J. Martha Ann didn't take to "a lot of people " I was so happy when they connected and became good buddies.. she and I were always close and the way she took to J made me extra proud!!*

**Frankie** - February 20, 2022 at 01:13 AM

EL

*Always had a smile on his face when he came into the bank. He and Frankie were some of my favorite customers. Prayers for comfort Frankie 🙏*

**Elaine Liles** - February 21, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DV

*Hello,  
My name is Dominic, does anyone by chance have any affiliation with an individual named Helen Pumphrey.. If so I have an item that was discovered in our residence that I'd like to get back to family. Thank you*

**Dominic valle** - November 24, 2024 at 05:58 PM

RP

“ 60 files added to the album Family Pictures



**Roy Pumphrey** - February 17, 2022 at 07:13 PM

RP

“ 22 files added to the tribute wall



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**Roy Pumphrey** - February 17, 2022 at 07:06 PM

DJ

“ *Thinking of you, Frankie, now and remembering the good times we shared in the past. May God give you strength, courage, and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Darlene Jones** - February 17, 2022 at 03:59 PM

FP

*Darlene I have thought of you so often!!  
I hope your doing well..  
As J advanced in his illness I thought of our last conversation about Tink.  
Yes we have good memories I'm sure God has strengthened you and only with His help I will eventually be as strong as you.  
Let's keep in touch!*

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**Frankie Pumphrey** - February 17, 2022 at 07:08 PM

FR

*Darlene it's so good to hear from you. You know all to well what is going thru my mind and how I'm feeling.  
We did have good times to remember. I see how God has given you strength and pray He will do the same for me..*

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**Frankie** - February 18, 2022 at 12:20 AM

TC

“ *My sincerest condolences to Frankie and family. May the memories made with Jay bring comfort, peace and strength during this sad time. He was a good man and I know he will be missed. Love to you Frankie. You and Jay's friendship has enlightened me at times you were unaware. Rest in Peace, my friend.* 💜🕊️🌹

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**Tanya Comingdeer** - February 17, 2022 at 11:47 AM

FP

*Tanya how wonderful to hear you remember good memories. What a nice tribute to J.  
I miss Him! I look forward to being with him again when my time comes and I do agree he was a good man and wonderful husband!!*

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**Frankie Pumphrey** - February 17, 2022 at 01:06 PM

TC

*I've always thought the world of you both. Will keep you in my prayers and close to my heart.*

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**Tanya Comingdeer** - February 17, 2022 at 02:36 PM