



Charles Waco Vernon

November 3, 1954 - June 13, 2025

Charles, "Waco" Vernon, 70, of Westville, Oklahoma, died on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Stillwell Nursing and Rehab in Stillwell, Oklahoma. Waco was born at home in Mayes County, Oklahoma to Angie Bell Littlefield and Charles Lafae Vernon on November 3, 1954. He grew up in the Colcord area where he went to school. He played football there until he graduated from Colcord High School in 1974. After high school, he attended Okmulgee Tech. He obtained a Culinary Arts degree and spent several years working as head chef at Phil's Steakhouse. Being the charmer that he was, it didn't take Waco long to get married. He became a husband and father of two girls at a young age. In the years to come, Waco had several more children of his own, including his name sake. He adopted a few along the way and raised a few more that just needed someone to care for them. He was never really good at being a husband, but there is no question about his commitment to being a dad. He started his oil field career as a roughneck working in Western Oklahoma in the late 70's. It was hard work - It took strength and grit. He has never been short on grit. This was the perfect job for him. His love of bull riding spilled over to pump jack riding during those days. He returned to Siloam Springs and blessed his coworkers at Franklin Electric with his love for life and crazy antics for many years. If you worked at Franklin during that time, you knew him. He enjoyed socializing and made many good friends. However, the factory life was not for him. He needed the great outdoors. His love for the outdoors and animals led him to Doc Thomas where he worked as a farm hand

for many years.

Eventually, he returned to the oil field as a Driller for several years until he became disabled. As hard as that job was for him, it was harder to leave it behind. Waco lived his last years in Westville, OK. He loved to hunt, fish, raise chickens and go to the rodeo. He enjoyed watching westerns and doing word search in his spare time. Aside from his work careers and hobbies, he will be remembered by many as the big hearted wild man that we all love. His job as son, brother, dad, papa, and friend will always be the most important jobs he ever had. Waco didn't regularly attend church, but if you knew him. The Good Lord was mentioned often. His last major decision on this earth was to accept God as his Lord and Savior. He believed in God and was never afraid of death. He only feared leaving his children behind. Waco was preceded in death by his mother, Angie Bell Rolus; his father, Charles Lafae; his step father, Henry Rolus; three sisters, Virginia Vernon, Jessie Edwards, and Susie Bynum; two brothers, Jimmy Rolus, and Randy Rolus; his nephew, Bobby Jack Snider.

He is survived by five daughters, Madlyn Taylor and husband, Chris of Gentry, Arkansas, Jackie Vernon of Westville, Oklahoma, Amanda Payne of Westville, Oklahoma, Sarah Brookshier of Sayre, Oklahoma, and Vicki Blair of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; two sons, Tyler Vernon and wife, Charli of Sulphur Bluff, Texas, and Jackson Vernon of Westville, Oklahoma; seven granddaughters; Kaylynn Jenks of Colcord, Oklahoma, Zoey Collins of Westville, Oklahoma, Brynlee Vernon of Sulphur Bluff, Texas, Olivia Vernon of Sulphur Bluff, Texas, Abigail Vernon of Sulphur Bluff, Texas, Paige Harrell of Sayre, Oklahoma, and Zachara Seyersdahl of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; nine grandsons, Gavin Taylor, of Gentry, Arkansas, Addi Taylor of Gentry, Arkansas, Wyatt Murray of Westville, Oklahoma, Hayden Murray of Westville, Oklahoma, Kelso Andrews of Westville, Oklahoma, Xavier Collins of Westville, Oklahoma, Bowen Vernon of Sulphur Bluff, Texas, Payton Harrell, and Parker Harrell of Sayre, Oklahoma; two sisters, Joanie Harrison of Salina, Oklahoma, and Anna Rolus of Norman, Oklahoma; two brothers, Frankie Rolus of Sayre, Oklahoma, and

Charlie Vernon of Stilwell, Oklahoma; countless nieces, nephews and great grandchildren.

A visitation is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m, Monday, June 23, 2025, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. A graveside service is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Bell Cemetery in Watts Oklahoma, officiated by Bill Collette.

Cemetery Details

Bell Cemetery

Bell Cemetery
Watts, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Bill Staggs lit a candle in memory of Charles Vernon*



Bill Staggs - June 24, 2025 at 09:32 AM

AL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Alena - June 16, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Waco bailed me out of jail once and picked me up and I've never forgot it. Never been happier to see both Jackie's parents in my life. He let me pay him back over time and I'll be forever grateful for his kindness and generosity and trust. Especially to someone he didn't know all that well. It meant alot to me! Rest Easy Waco and I hope you know you will be forever missed and loved but never forgotten! FLY HIGH WACO!*

Crosby Schoner - June 16, 2025 at 07:28 AM

JV

Thank you Crosby.

Jackie Vernon - June 23, 2025 at 02:48 AM

LR

“ Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Charles Vernon



Liz Reading - June 15, 2025 at 06:59 AM

JV

Thank you

Jackie Vernon - June 23, 2025 at 02:47 AM

KD

“ Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Charles Vernon



Karen Davis - June 14, 2025 at 11:13 PM

JV

Thanks

Jackie Vernon - June 23, 2025 at 02:47 AM

RS

“ I won't tell any tails just know that me and Waco had a hell of a ride I'll miss you Buddy but I'll see you up yonder in a little while

Randy Simmons - June 14, 2025 at 09:45 PM

JV

Thank you very much.

Jackie Vernon - June 23, 2025 at 02:47 AM

LH

“ Tyler and family---I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories and God's love bring you peace, comfort and strength at this difficult time. I have called Waco a friend for over 50 years. He always had an onery smile for you and asked how you were doing. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.



Lana Hurt - June 14, 2025 at 09:25 PM

JV

Thanks

Jackie Vernon - June 23, 2025 at 02:46 AM

JA

“ I have known Waco for many years. I first met him while in my 17 year career at people's bank. He was a pleasure to wait on for what ever the reason he would be in the bank that day. We have ran into each other at various other places, he always knew me and I always enjoyed another hug and funny story, your generous large heart will be missed 😞 RIP Waco

Joyce Atha - June 14, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JV

Thanks Joyce

Jackie Vernon - June 23, 2025 at 02:46 AM

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“ *Tonja Williamson (Risley) lit a candle in memory of Charles Vernon*



Tonja Williamson (Risley) - June 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JV

Thank you

Jackie Vernon - June 23, 2025 at 02:45 AM