



## Daniel "Dan" Sequoyah Hembree

March 15, 1935 - January 21, 2025

Daniel "Dan" Sequoyah Hembree, lovingly known as "Boomus," 89, of Westville, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at his home on January 21, 2025. He was born on March 15, 1935, in Stilwell, Oklahoma, to Ray and Carlotta (Adair) Hembree.

Dan graduated high school in 1953 and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956 during the Korean War. He was stationed in Japan and took great pride in his service. Following his military discharge, Dan worked unloading ships in Alaska before returning to college. He earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education from attending NSU, U of A, and OSU.

On May 10, 1958, Dan married the love of his life, Audrey Welch. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised their daughter, Pam. Dan dedicated over 30 years to teaching carpentry at Westville High School, where he inspired countless students with his skills and passion for craftsmanship. During his career, he guided his vocational carpentry classes in building over 20 houses around Westville, leaving a lasting legacy of hard work, skill, and community impact.

Dan had a love for life and treasured spending time outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, playing golf, cheering on the Oklahoma Sooners and Kansas City

Chiefs, and building anything with his hands. Dan was also known for his quick wit, love of telling jokes, and ability to make everyone around him laugh. His joy in making others smile was one of his many gifts, and his humor will be dearly missed. Above all, he adored his family and would do anything for them. His kind heart and generous spirit will forever be remembered by those who knew him.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Al, Monroe, Watie, Vernon, and Sam; and two sisters, Alyene and Marie.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Audrey Hembree, of the home; his daughter, Pam Swank and husband Jerry, of Watts, Oklahoma; his granddaughter, Brittany Swank, of Westville, Oklahoma; his grandson, Jarrod Swank and wife Casey, of Watts, Oklahoma; and three great-granddaughters, Asher, Spencer, and Chandler. Dan is also survived by his brother, Ivan Hembree, of Stilwell, Oklahoma, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family who loved him dearly.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., also at Wasson Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Westville Cemetery in Westville, Oklahoma. Dan's legacy of love, family, craftsmanship, and humor will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Westville Cemetery

CR 700  
Westville, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
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## Burial

JAN **26**. 3:30 PM (CT)

Westville Cemetery

CR 700

Westville, OK

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Just found out Dan passed. So very sorry for the family. I always loved Uncle Dan, Roger Welch

roger welch - February 03, 2025 at 11:17 PM

TR

“ We worked together for many years... Always a joy... He will be missed... My love and prayers to the family... Terry Rose

Terry Rose - January 24, 2025 at 09:17 AM

GG

“ Dan was a good person and fun to be around. When announcing football games, you wanted to make sure you did not miss a word. He had fun at everything he did. He picked the perfect wife and they were a great couple. Good people.

Glenita Guthrie - January 24, 2025 at 07:46 AM

SW

“ My brother was in Mr. Hembree's carpentry class and helped build some of the houses around town. He learned a lot under Mr. Hembree and really admired him.

Sharon Whiteley - January 23, 2025 at 11:22 PM

JB

“ Jesse Balmain lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Dan" Hembree



Jesse Balmain - January 23, 2025 at 08:37 PM

BH

“ Dan Hembree was one of the nicest teachers we had at Westville. Not too many of the teachers smiled at us students, but he did and that smile was in his eyes. He helped so many of the boys in his carpentry classes learn vital skills in building, and gave them guidance and a good start in life. I always wished back then that the school offered a carpentry class for girls, because we could have learned a lot from him. He and Audrey always made me feel that the world is a good place to be. His family have my deepest condolences in their loss of this very good man.

Billy Holt - January 23, 2025 at 06:51 PM

LH

Dan Hembree taught carpentry skills to many high school boys and my late husband, Gary Hampton, used those skills to help build churches and the home I now live in. Gary had great respect for teacher, Mr. Hembree.

Linda Hampton - January 24, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JI

“ Thoughts and prayers....Peace be with you.....Jan & Ron Isaacs

Jan & Ron Isaacs - January 23, 2025 at 06:41 PM

LM

“ Mr Hembree was shop teacher long as I was in school at Westville end of my jr year we moved I ALWAYS like him as a kind and good man to us kids Hope his journey home is as good as he was to us R.I.P. Mr Hembree Job well done

Larry Moheng - January 23, 2025 at 05:52 PM

LR

*This is late in coming. I got to thinking of this fellow and hadn't known of his passing. He was a fixture around school during my high-school years but I didn't get to know him much until my first year of teaching and became acquainted with Mr. Dan. He was common, friendly, and fun to be around, a really likable fellow. Sure hated to hear he was gone.*

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**Larry reese** - April 21 at 02:42 AM