

Bales, Leroy 1939 - 2009



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Leroy Bales was born August 14, 1939 in Jay , Oklahoma to Jake and Bertha (Durbin) Bales. He departed this life on September 10, 2009 in Pryor at the age of 70 years and 27 days.

Leroy had lived most of his life in Salina . He attended Salina schools and graduated from Salina High School with the class of 1958. Leroy was a veteran of the United States Army; he served during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Leroy married Jane Kay on August 18, 1960 in Salina . He worked as an inspector for a pipe line company for many years. Leroy also served as a Mayes County Commissioner for four years. He was a "jack of all trades" having done some dairy farming, hauled cattle, a Salina Police Officer, Mayes County Deputy Sheriff and lately a school bus driver for Wickliffe School . Leroy was very much a people person and he never met a stranger. He enjoyed being around horses, hunting and watching his grandchildren play sports.

Leroy is survived by his wife Jane of the home, daughter Darbie Duniphin and husband Brian of Salina, son Daryl Bales and wife Allison of Salina, grandchildren Brad, Kendall, Jesse, Kaci, Brother Carl Bales and wife Doris of Tulsa, brother Harold Bales and wife Jean of Salina. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters and 2 brothers.