

Herman Hodde, Jr. went to his heavenly home on January 26, 2024. Herman was born January 24, 1936 in the area of Wellston, Oklahoma. During his early school years, he attended a one-room schoolhouse. He talked about taking a shortcut to school and making a mad dash through a fenced-in area containing a big fast bull. His parents then moved to McLoud where he played baseball and basketball and graduated in 1955.

He married his sweetheart, Mildred Loman on July 3, 1958. He worked for the McLoud Lumberyard before he went to work at McLoud School maintenance department. He worked at Tinker Air Force Base for a brief time and then returned to McLoud School. He is most remembered for driving a school bus where he impacted the lives of many students. He retired after giving 39 years of service to McLoud Schools. However, the job he truly loved was working part-time for McKinley Farms. Throughout his career, he always had a love for farming and the McKinley family provided him with an outlet for that passion. He served his community as a volunteer firefighter for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church but had attended First Baptist Church, McLoud for many years. He frequently talked about the Lord's Prayer as his favorite passage. He was looking forward to seeing his passed loved ones in heaven. His regret was to leave his loved ones here on earth.

Herman was inducted into the Redskins Remember Honor Roll in 2005 for his dedicated service to McLoud Schools. He was honored to be recognized by the McLoud Athletic Hall of Fame in 2023.

His hobbies included farming, gardening, playing golf, watching his children and grandchildren play ball, and he loved watching basketball on TV. He loved family gatherings, especially large reunions and handing out candy to children at Halloween.

He is survived by his wife, Millie of 65 years, his son, Gary and wife Janet of McLoud and son, Kent and wife Wanda of Shawnee. They have four grandchildren, Candice Karas and husband Jon of Texas, Taylor Hodde of McLoud, Caitlin Kauffman and husband Chase of Newalla, and Connor Hodde and wife Leticia of Edmond. They were blessed with four great-grandchildren, Ainsley and Dax Karas and Brooks and Blakely Kauffman. Preceding him in death are his parents, Henry and Juanita Hodde, step-father, William (Bill) Hodde, a sister, Evelyn and her husband Melvin Wallis and a brother, Paul Dean.



In Loving Memory of
Herman Hodde, Jr.

January 24, 1936

January 26, 2024

Our Father who art in heaven
Please take our father into your arms
And place his home among one of your many farms
Reward him with a life well lived
As his motto in his earthly garden was
It's good to grow, it's better to give.
He'll grow delicious tomatoes
And nothing's better than fresh green beans
and new potatoes.
And if you'll give him a tractor
He'll work all day for the Master
To harvest your wheat
That makes the bread for your
heavenly children to eat.
Finally Lord, when the work is done
Let him play golf for fun.
I'm sure he would enjoy a round with the Son.
But just so you'll know, he will never quit
He'll tee off with a one iron
that they say only you can hit
And forgive him when he hits it bad
and says, "Aww s?!t."

Funeral Ceremony

Thursday, February 1, 2024
One O'clock in the Afternoon
First Baptist Church
McLoud, Oklahoma

Officiants

Larry Sparks
Brad Wood
Gary Hodde

Pianist & Vocalist

Vickie Sparks

Final Resting Place

Dale Cemetery
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Casketbearers

Connor Hodde
Gerad McKinley
Gavin McKinley
Chase Kauffman
Jonathan Karas
Jack Miller

Honorary Casketbearers

Dean Hill
Perry McKinley
Nathan Raines
Bill Walker
Charlie Williams
Walter Murchel