

In Memory of
Vernon L. Gowdy Jr.
April 8, 1933 - April 3, 2012



Vernon L. Gowdy, Jr. was born April 8, 1933 in Bristow, Oklahoma. Vernon's parents were Vernon L. Gowdy, Sr. and Virgie May Frazier. Vernon was one of eight brothers and sisters: Lavan Owen Gowdy, Charley Joe Gowdy, Virgie Louise Gowdy, Lena May Gowdy, Marjorie June Gowdy, Grace Helen Gowdy and Karen Faye Gowdy.

Vernon grew up in Bristow, Oklahoma where he attended Edison Elementary School and Bristow High School in Bristow, Oklahoma. Vernon graduated in 1951. Vernon's graduating class comprised approximately 62 Seniors. It was tradition back in the 50's for one to have nicknames. In Vernon's 1951 yearbook (The Log) one finds nicknames as "Curley", "Dude", "Snuffy", "Beater", "Moose", "Worm", "Chubby", "Pee wee", "Short Squat", "Beater", "Hick" etc. Vernon had the nickname "Hick". Vernon also was a member of the F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) in 1949, 1950, 1951 and entered a Livestock Exhibit in 1950.

Vernon met Wynona Levern Harrison from Depew, Oklahoma while in high school and they married on January 21, 1953 in Van Buren, Arkansas and subsequently moved to California, June 15, 1953. Vernon and Wynona moved back to Oklahoma in May of 1958 settling in a rent house on SE 50th, then a house in Moore, Oklahoma before finally renting a house on top of a hill (South of SW 149th and May) in Moore, Oklahoma on June 18, 1960. Vernon and Wynona had three children: Vernon Leroy Gowdy, III, Debra Sue Gowdy and Carol Diane Gowdy. Vernon and Wynona decided to move to the city of Moore in early 1964,

purchasing a new house located at 728 N. Markwell. During the period on Markwell street, Vernon added an addition to the house, building a large den and doing most of the construction work by himself. They lived there for fourteen years before divorcing in 1977. Vernon had worked at Western Electric for a number of years and also worked in the heat and air conditioning business as an installer and troubleshooter.

Vernon later married Vicki Lane in early 80s and later divorced in 1985. Vernon lived on the South part of Oklahoma City from the early 1980's through 2012 all his life and enjoyed being with his friends; socializing on the gazebo at his apartment complex.

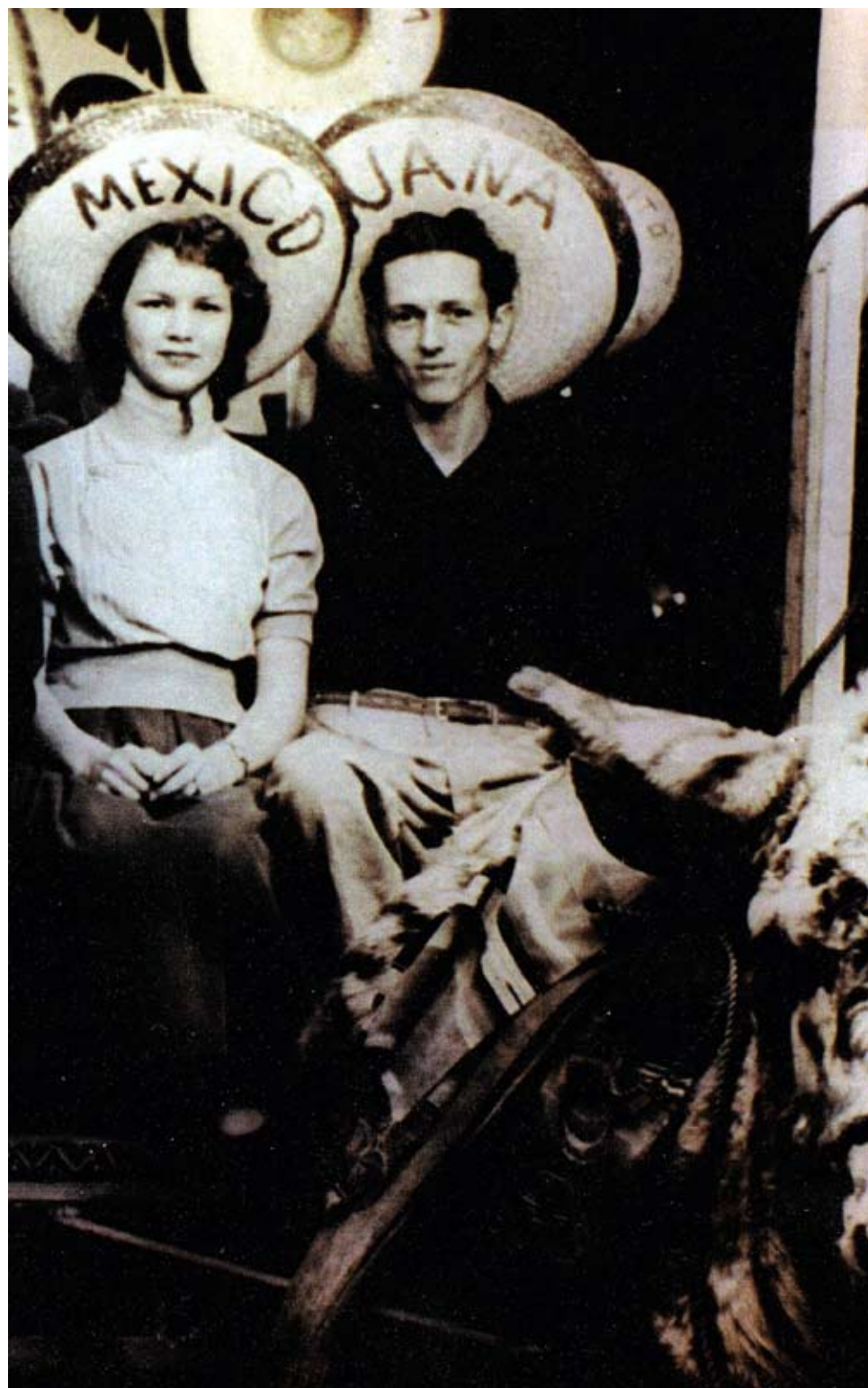
Vernon L. Gowdy, Jr. passed away on April 3, 2012 and is survived by one brother Lavan Gowdy, three sisters Marjorie Hill, Virgie Jones, Karen Coleman; one son Vernon L. Gowdy III, two daughters Debra Glidden, Carol Phillips; seven grandchildren Lori Glidden, Chris Anderson, Carrie Williams, Beau Glidden, Terrie Batson, Crystal Glidden, Adam Phillips; three great grandchildren Cody, Mariah, Carson and two great-great grandchildren Ava and Jaden.

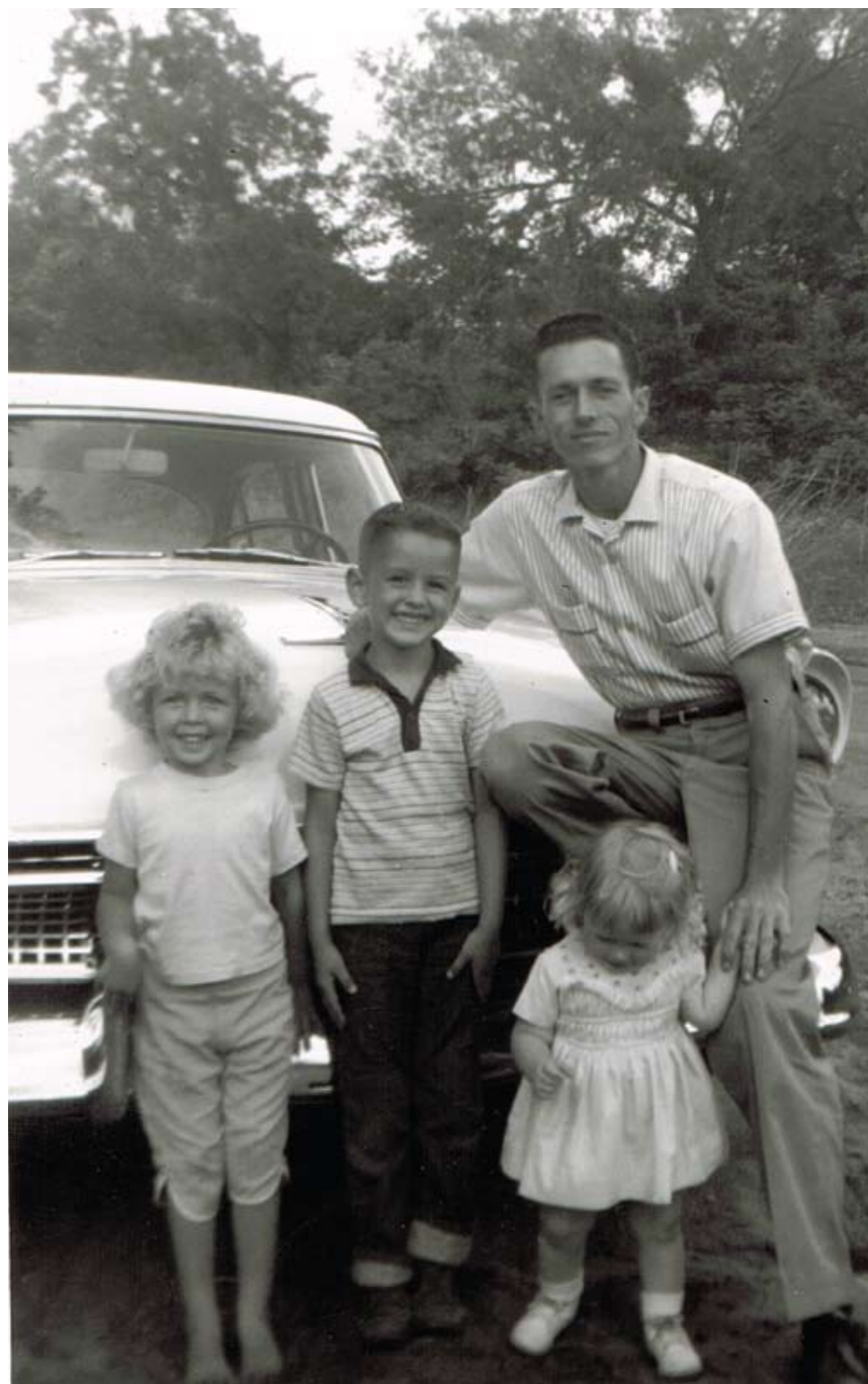
One of Vernon's famous sayings was "You got the right attitude." He would add your name in front of the word you.

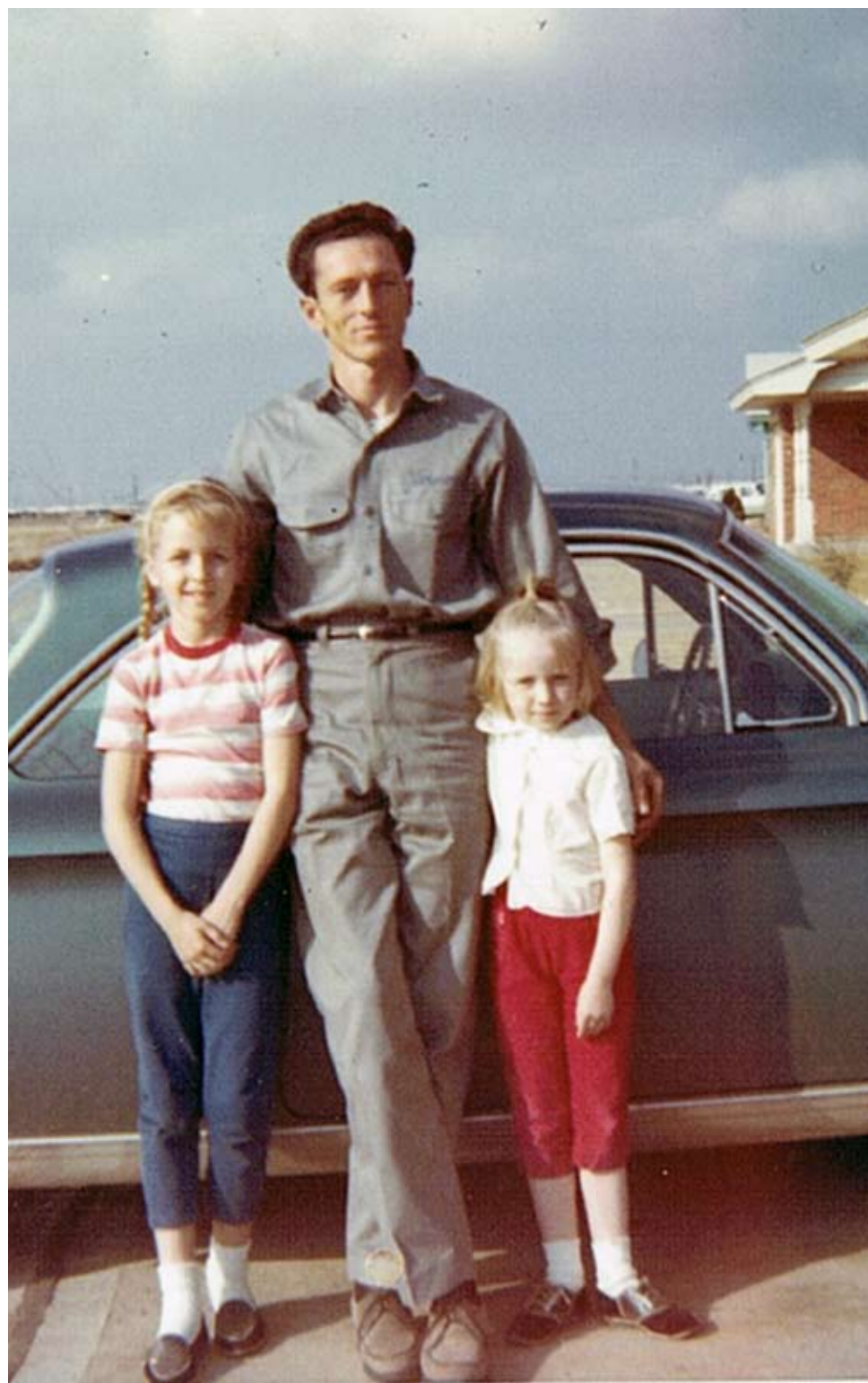


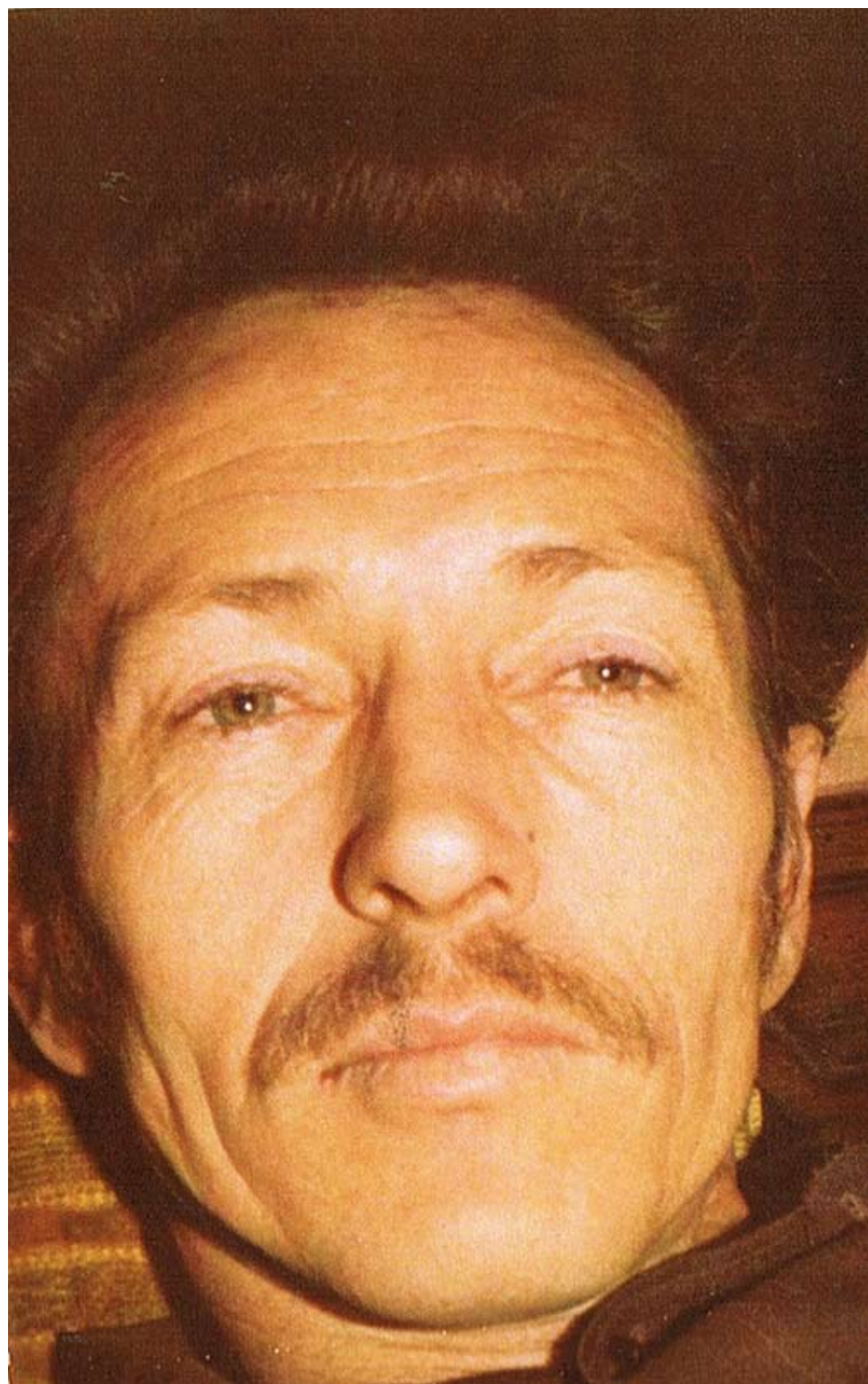


















Additional: In Vernon's 1951 Senior Handbook, Vernon listed in the section called My Favorites the following: Movie Actor: *Montgomery Cliff*; Movie Actress: *Yvonne De Carlo*; Radio Program: *Sunrise Serenade*; Song: *Remember Me*; Sport: *Chasing Girls*; Teacher: *Mrs. Arthurs*; Subject: *Woodwork*; Slang Expression: *"Hell You Say"*; Color: *Green* and Holiday: *Saturday Nite*.

Remember Me (I'm The One Who Loves You)

*Written by Stuart Hamblen, 1950
Recorded by Ernest Tubbs, Jimmy Dean*

When you're all alone and blue
No one to tell your troubles to
Remember me, I'm the one who loves you

When this world has turned you down
And not a true friend can be found
Remember me, I'm the one who loves you

And through all kinds of weather
You'll find I'll never change
Through the sunshine and the shadows
I'll always be the same

We're together right or wrong
Where you go I'll tag along
Remember me, I'm the one who loves you

(And through all kinds of weather
You'll find I'll never change)
Through the sunshine and the shadows
I'll always be the same

We're together right or wrong
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