



Jimmy Royce Cornell

January 9, 1934 - June 12, 2010

Jimmy "Strawberry" Cornell

Jimmy Royce Cornell was born January 9, 1934 in Durant to John and Florence (Allen) Cornell and died peacefully at King's Daughters and Sons Nursing Home surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the age of 76.

Jimmy served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1954 in Korea and Germany. During his tour of duty he was awarded numerous medals.

He married the love of his life, Carol Jo Hankins, on August 10, 1954 in Sherman, Texas and have been blessed together over fifty-five years.

Jimmy was instrumental in the growth of Durant. He built numerous additions such as University Manor, Valley View Addition, North Lake Estates, and Four Seasons Addition, and donated land to the Durant Youth Shelter. He was a carpenter for fifty years in Durant.

Jimmy is preceded in death by parents; sisters Pauline Fortenberry, Edith Roth, Agnes Genitta, and Marie Gregg.

Jimmy is survived by wife Carol, daughter Carolyn Swindell and husband Kerry of Durant; granddaughter Jodi Buffalo and husband Eugene, grandsons Chad Carter and wife Chris, Todd Carter and Judy all of Durant; great granddaughters Kylie Turner and Kaylynn Buffalo; great step-grandchildren Cody, Kolby, Morgan, Krystal, Mason, and Khloe and great great step-grandson Karter Kade; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

We would like to express a special thank you to the staff of King's Daughters and Sons Nursing Home, without them we couldn't have made it and to Sunshine Hospice and Victory Hospice for the special treatment in his time of need. They all went above and beyond to provide for Jimmy.

Funeral services honoring Jimmy's life will be held Wednesday, June 16, at 10:00am in Brown's Funeral Service chapel with Bro. Ernest Sturch, longtime friend of Jimmy's, will officiate. Family night will be Tuesday from 7-8pm at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com. Brown's Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *Jimmy Royce Cornell*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



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Tanga Wildeman - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart is heavy today. I just received the news of Jimmy's passing and am deeply saddened. Jimmy was such a wonderful man and a pure joy to be around. I work at State Farm and whenever I would see Jimmy pull up, I couldn't help but smile. He was so sweet and all us girls here just loved to talk to him and hear his stories. He will be greatly missed. I pray that God will give you comfort during this very sad time.*

April J. Ward - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *While there is nothing I can say that will ease your loss, I wanted you to know that I am grieving and thinking of you all.*

Uncle Jimmy was such a wonderful person, and so many people will miss him as will I.

Love,

Lloyd

Lloyd Hankins - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM