



Lee Howell

June 7, 1944 - October 10, 2025

Harold “Lee” Howell, 81, of Howard, Kansas, passed away on October 10, 2025. He was born on June 7, 1944, in Winfield, Kansas, to Harold Logan Howell and Lillian Lucille Bonnell Howell.

Lee graduated from Howard High School in 1962. He then worked construction for his father before proudly joining the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Germany. After his military service, he began a lifelong career in construction—first working alongside his father, and later with several companies including Shore and Sons, George Myers Construction, and Sherwood Construction. After retiring, Lee found a need to stay busy and worked for Harrod’s Inc.

Lee grew up in a family that performed at rodeos, where he showcased his skills in trick roping. However, it’s been said that he would rather chase girls at those events than perform along with the family.

In January of 1967, Lee married the love of his life, Kay Thurman and soon added two daughters to complete their loving family. Lee and Kay built a wonderful life for themselves and their daughters in Howard. In order to provide for Kay and the girls, Lee often worked away from home. Although Lee did not receive a college education, through his hard work and eagerness to learn, he was able to achieve the position of superintendent of multi-million-dollar construction projects.

Lee's daughters were the light of his life and the center of his universe, then they gave him grandchildren who took over that role. Attending his grandchildren's sporting events gave him immense pride and joy.

Lee also enjoyed tinkering with cars, refurbishing old pendulum clocks, KU basketball, and golf.

Lee will be remembered for his dedication to provide for and protect his family, his hard nose approach to work, and his orneriness.

Lee is survived by his wife Kay Howell; daughters Gina Wilson (husband Craig Wilson), and Stacy Howell; grandchildren Tristen Wilson, Rae'Ven Loudermilk, Isaiahh Loudermilk, and Devin Loudermilk; sister Pat McKinley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his grandson Damon Lee Wilson, whom he greatly missed.

Cremation has been requested with a graveside Celebration of Life service to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 10:30 am at the Cresco Cemetery. The family has established a memorial for American Legion Carter-Rader Post 149, those can be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Cemetery Details

Cresco Cemetery

US HWY 99 & Rock Rd
Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Cresco Cemetery
US HWY 99 & Rock Rd
Howard, KS 67349

Tribute Wall

KY

“ *Kaye Spurrier Yates lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Kaye Spurrier Yates - October 22, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Lee Howell.*



October 16, 2025 at 09:37 AM

VF

“ *Vinette Parris Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Lee Howell.*



Vinette Parris Family - October 15, 2025 at 04:28 PM

VF

“ *Vinette Parris Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee Howell.*

Vinette Parris Family - October 15, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JH

“ Jennifer H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee Howell.

Jennifer H. - October 15, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lee Howell.



October 15, 2025 at 11:29 AM

SC

“ Sherwood Construction & Wildcat Constru purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Lee Howell.



Sherwood Construction & Wildcat Constru - October 15, 2025 at 10:36 AM

LF

“ Love, Andrea and our family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lee Howell.



Love, Andrea and our family - October 14, 2025 at 11:03 PM

BS

“ *Brian Spurrier lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Brian Spurrier - October 14, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SS

“ *Sylvia Spurrier Stites lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Sylvia Spurrier Stites - October 14, 2025 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ *The memories I have of Lee are way to many to share on this site but when I saw him the last time he reminded me so much of his dad with his clever wit and easy smile . My heart breaks for Kay and the family with loving memory ...Sandy*



Sandy Swingle - October 14, 2025 at 09:05 AM

RL

“ *Randy Light lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Randy Light - October 14, 2025 at 07:44 AM

PJ

“ *Peggy Juaire lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Peggy Juaire - October 13, 2025 at 11:20 PM

LJ

“ *Lee, Peggy, and Cody Juaire lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Lee, Peggy, and Cody Juaire - October 13, 2025 at 11:17 PM

DP

“ *Kay I am so very very sorry. You had a LOVE OF A LIFETIME AND IT WILL CARRY YOU EVERYDAY! You take this one day at a time and always remember ITS OK NOT TO BE OKAY! Tight hugs. Im praying for you and LOVE YOU SO MUCH. Debbie Dilli Parks*

Debbie Dilli Parks - October 13, 2025 at 10:16 PM

JB

“ *Jason B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lee Howell.*



Jason B. - October 13, 2025 at 07:44 PM

CM

“ Charles and Lisa Macy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lee Howell.



Charles and Lisa Macy - October 13, 2025 at 06:34 PM

JW

“ Prayers for peace and comfort. We thoughts and prayers are with you all.

The Wunderlich Family



Jack and Jennifer Wunderlich - October 13, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PG

“ Polly Griggs lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell



Polly Griggs - October 13, 2025 at 05:10 PM

BN

“ What a good friend we have lost. To the family: we are so sorry for your loss.



Bob and Judy Nungesser - October 13, 2025 at 04:21 PM

CJ

“ *Charle and Bonnie Johnson*



Charle Johnson - October 13, 2025 at 03:26 PM

JB

“ *I knew Lee for several years at Sherwood Construction. First as a boy with my Dad, Everett, and Uncle Eldon work with him. I then got to work for him for 4 years after high school. He was great to learn from, and I certainly learned a lot on his jobs. Above all, he was fair. He may have demanded a lot from all of us that worked for him, but we knew at the end of the day he had our backs and looked out for us. That was all 20 years ago, and to this day, I can still hear him in my mind when I go to do some things out here in the field. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Jason Brown - October 13, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JB

“ *Jason Brown lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Jason Brown - October 13, 2025 at 03:13 PM

LJ

“ *Lee juaire lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Lee juaire - October 13, 2025 at 03:06 PM

CC

“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Chip&Nancy Crum - October 13, 2025 at 02:54 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Clopton lit a candle in memory of Lee Howell*



Barbara Clopton - October 13, 2025 at 01:58 PM

VB

*We express our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Loved one.
Danny and Valerie Barker Bey.*

Valerie Barker - October 15, 2025 at 01:49 PM