



James Donald Wooten

August 26, 1940 - August 23, 2008

Survived by; wife-Euna Jean Wooten (nee Parrott) of
Glen Allen Mo.sons- Kevin (Brenda) Wooten of Farmington
Mo, Keith (Jessica) Wooten of Burfordville Mo, daughter-
Karen (Brian) Kettler of Hillsboro Mo, Brothers- Glen (Sheri)
Wooten of Carthage Mo, Dale Wooten of Hillsboro Mo, and
Ken (Sue) Wooten of Ironton Mo. sisters- Ann (Don) Henson
of Shell Knob Mo, Mary Helen (Art) Quade of Carthage Mo,
Pat Thomas of Carthage Mo, Janice Bagby of Carthage Mo.
and Irene (DeWayne) Day of Exeter Mo. grandchildren- Joe
and Cathleen Wooten of Farmington Mo.
Cameron, Connor and Bella Kettler of Hillsboro Mo,

great grandchildren- Paige Lewis and Tanner Wooten,

both of Farmington Mo.

Also survived by 17 nieces and nephews and 28 great

nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by; parents- James Milton and Rosa Jewel

Wooten (nee Lauderdale)daughter- Kathleen Wooten, brothers-

James Lee and Carroll Milton Wooten and a sister- Dora

Azallee Levy.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Dear Family,

Kim was very special to our family and always so kind and made everyone around her laugh. As we know Kim is in heaven with our Father God.

How sweet it will be when we all get there for the great party!

Cody Stephens - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Well it has been a little over two months now and I just wanted to let you know that we are all still thinking about everyday. Emily misses you very much. I know that you are in a better place but that doesn't change how much it hurts that you are gone. We love you Andy, Carrie, Emily, and Ethan

Coy Grayson - October 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We have kept you in our thoughts and prayers and want you all to know that we love you and we are still praying for you. These are difficult times but you will always have family to turn to. We love you all,

Aunt Lulu & Uncle Tommy

Randy & Renee Miller - September 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ It may sound strange to those of you that know me, that I struggle right now to find words that can properly do justice for a man like Don Wooten.

I have many members in my rodeo "family" that has certainly grown over the many years I have been involved in the sport of rodeo. Many of those relationships have withstood the test of time, miles, and competition.

My relationship with Don was very special to me. He was like a father to me in many ways. He praised me when I was good. He offered suggestions on how to improve when I was bad. He offered his home to me and my family. He offered to feed me every meal during a weekend of rodeo. He always made me feel welcomed and thanked me numerous times for coming to his event. He prayed for me when I was ill.

Talking at length with Don early in the morning at a rodeo was one of the simple pleasures I enjoyed in life. Over a cup of coffee I could hear stories of work, play, good horses, cowboys (good or bad), politics, his many travels and LIFE!! Don made a point to always talk about the thing that was most important to him.... FAMILY!! For those of you in the Wooten family I want you to know how proud this man was of each and every one of you!! He loved you all very much! Don was special to me and I will never forget him.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Wooten family on the passing of this great man.

Mark D. Ficken

"Ships in a harbour are safe, but that's not what ships are built for"
John Shedd

Seth Halford - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dearest Wooten Family,

Words cannot express the sadness we feel in our hearts. Don will always be fondly remembered for his comforting words - great, mischievous smile and big hugs that always welcomed you to where ever he was.

" There"s a hundred years of history and a hundred before that All gathered in the thinkin"

Goin" on beneath his hat.

All the miles spend sleepy drivin"

All the money down the drain,

All the "if I"s" and "nearly"s,"

All the bandages and pain,

It"s guts and love and glory,

One mortal"s chance at fame.

His legacy is rodeo

And cowboy is his name.

? Baxter Black

Stephanie Van Leunen - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's death. We will miss him at our class reunions. Your family will be in my prayers.

Tracy (Parrott) Frazier & Jamie Frazier - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ All the members of the United Rodeo Association are thinking of the family in these tough times.

Barbara Kettler-Vestal - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brenda Hendricks - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I am so sorry guys! He was a great man. Let me know if I can do anything for you guys.

Linda Twibell - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HZ

“ I was shocked to hear the news. He always had a smile on your face and made us feel at home at your rodeos. He will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

The McSorley's

Heidi Zahner - August 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Craig and Toby, There really are no words....I'm so sorry for your loss. Griffin was such a beautiful girl, and I'm sure she had the personality to match. The Owensby's are praying for all of you.

Bill & Mary Neumann - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Our prayers go out to the Calvert family! Anything you may need, your fire department brothers are here!

Rhonda Grayson - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We are friends of Lee Oberlag's and learned of your terrible loss through her. There are no words that will ease your pain, but we trust the memory of your time together provides some comfort. The wonderful photos of Griffin show what a delightful little girl she was. Please know that all of you.....Griffin's parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles....are in our prayers.

Kim Smith - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ May there be peace in your heart knowing this sweet child is waiting for you in heaven. May the Lord be with your family and heal your wounds. We are praying for you.

Bill and Chris Miller - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

B'

“ Craig and Toby we cannot even start to tell you in words how we feel. Your family is our family. Your loss is our loss. We love you with all of our heart. We will be there for you when you need us, and sometimes when you don't. We promise to never forget Griffin, we will hold her close to our heart forever. We love you all. Andy, Carrie, Emily, and Ethan.

Bernadine Cantrell Hobson, Wheaton Class of '58 - August 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

UM

“ My deepest sympathy, God bless you through this time,

United Rodeo Association Members - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Even though we have not met we would like to send you our deepest sympathy. Please know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. May your faith keep you strong and bring you closer to one another.

Ronda Teague - American Cowboys Rodeo Association - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I have never met your family, but I was deeply touched by this tragic story. You have all been heavy on my heart since I read about this. I am praying for God's peace to help you through this. I wish I was there to give Taylor a hug. I know the things that you read/hear aren't always kind words. I want to tell you that this is NOT your fault. I have 3 children and my youngest is 5. We live on a farm and we have 4 wheelers and our 10 year old gives our 5 year old rides all the time. We are always here at home, but these accidents happen so quickly. We will never know why bad things happen to good people, but they do. Taylor was being a good big sister entertaining her little sister. Her beautiful smile shows how happy she was. I hope that her physical injuries heal quickly. It's the injury to the heart that will take a long time to heal. I am also a Registered Nurse. Unfortunately, the broken hearts cannot be fixed with medicine. I just wanted to tell you that we are praying for you. Please lean on your faith and God will help you through this.

Jefferson County Rodeo Committee - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Craig, Toby, Words cannot adequately express how deeply sorry we are for the loss of Griffin. She was a very bright light in the youngest generation of our family. We love you all dearly.

Christine Jochum - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ No words can express our true feelings. We can only pray that you find some comfort in knowing that she is with God and will watch over you until you can be with her again.

Family and friends will reach out to you to help you through this. Take their hand.

Bernadine Cantrell Hobson, Class of '57, Wheaton, - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I know that there is nothing that can be said to make you feel better. You will make it through this, just have faith and believe.*

Christy

Kevin & Kim McSorley - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *With deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Mark Ficken - August 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM