



Grover E. Cordell

August 22, 1936 - July 17, 2023

Grover E. Cordell, 86, passed away in Springdale, Arkansas, on July 17, 2023. He was born in Johnson, Arkansas, on August 22, 1936, to JD Cordell and Sylvia Pauline Shipp.

He had a diverse career, starting as a grocer before transitioning to a position on the custodial staff at the University of Arkansas—where he spent 30 years. Grover found great joy in ham radio, where he was known by the call-sign W5FSP. He also enjoyed collecting and maintaining an impressive collection of coins and stamps. Grover attended New Hope Baptist Church in Springdale and Hope Baptist Church in Hindsville.

Grover is preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Chloe Cordell; one brother, Jerry Cordell; one son Charles Cordell; and one granddaughter Brianna Cordell.

Survivors include his loving wife, Ruth Seals; three sons, Mike Cordell and wife Karen of Springdale, Russell Cordell and wife Anita of Skiatook, Oklahoma, and Scott Cordell and wife Darlene of Springdale; three grandchildren, Jordyn Lynch and husband Ryan, Madison Cordell, and Chloe Cordell; and two great-grandchildren, Elisabeth and Emilia Lynch.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 22nd, at 9:30 AM at Stuckey

Cemetery in Johnson, with Pastor Ernie Imler officiating. No visitation is planned. Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Stuckey Cemetery

4502 Johnson Mill Blvd
Springdale, AR 72762

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 22. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FC

“ My condolences to Grover's family. I had spoken to Grover many times for almost 9 years on ham radio. Our chats were usually short just to say hello and check on how we are doing. He was proud of his simple but effective ham radio equipment. He made a lot of friends on the radio. It was always a pleasure to hear his "fist" in the nights on 40 meters. I will miss him. God bless, Floyd (W5FEC/Wo5s) in Texas.

Floyd Cureton - October 18, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JC

“ My husband and I only got to meet Grover a few months ago when we traveled to Arkansas for my daughter's graduation and his granddaughter's. I couldn't have asked for a better person to fill the void of a grandfather then Grover as mu daughter attends college thousands of miles away from home. He took her in as one of his own grandchildren. The stories I would hear about their Sunday lunches and all the great historical stories he shared with them of his life. My condolences to Ruth, Scott, Chloe, Darlene, Jordyn and all his family during this difficult time. We send our prayers and love to you all.

Jamie Czeluniak - July 22, 2023 at 10:31 AM

SL

“ Remembering Grover from school days in the old Stoney Point school.
My condolences.
Sara (lynch) Lyon

sara Lyon - July 20, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Grover E. Cordell.*



July 19, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grover E. Cordell.*



July 19, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Grover E. Cordell.*

July 19, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Your Kawneer Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Grover E. Cordell.*



Your Kawneer Family - July 19, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Grover E. Cordell.*



July 19, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Grover, my first cousin, was kind, caring and a gentle soul. He lived a block down the street when I was a young child, with wife Ruth, and (1 by 1) their 4 sons - Mike, Russ, Chuck and Scott. When they left CA to move (back) to AR (early '70s), I missed seeing the Cordells, which had been fairly often. Grover and his family were always special, and he, in particular, was a wonderful person; I'm pleased to be able to say, "he was my dear cousin", and he was loved greatly by many, near and far, family or friend. May Grover have his forever peace now; may his journey onward be blessed. I hope all those that knew Grover are comforted with their truly sweet memories of him, for always.*

• Linda Porter Binder • Hesperia, CA •

L C Binder - July 19, 2023 at 12:14 AM



My cousin Grover was dearly loved by my mom, his Aunt Joyce. Though they were aunt and nephew, Mom always said they were more like brother and sister because they were near the same age. They grew up together in Springdale, AR, and Mom shared many wonderful childhood stories. I got to know Grover just in recent years, as they both lived out the last decade of their lives. Each time they were together, the love between them was evident. Though Grover will be dearly missed by all who knew him, it makes me smile to think of Mom and Grover sharing those stories and that special bond in Heaven, as both were deeply in love with their Lord Jesus. Rest peacefully, Grover, in the arms of our Savior. Your cousin, Phyllis Freeman

phyllis freeman - July 19, 2023 at 09:35 AM

LC

Amen, Phyllis!

My Aunt Joyce, your mom, truly loved Grover, and his younger brother, Jerry. I, too, loved hearing about their childhood years together! Grover and your mom were both born in 1936, just about 5 months apart. What a special year that was - two wonderful people born on our family tree!

L C - July 19, 2023 at 01:09 PM

LS

I never had the pleasure of meeting Grover in person. We first conversed with each other on October 25th, 2014 by way of Amateur (Ham) Radio on the Frequency of 7.052 megahertz using Morse code. I have been a licensed amateur operator for more than 50 years and Grover has been at it for more than 60 years. We kept on running into each other all these years up to and including last Thursday. We had our last QSO (conversation) over the air. Over those years we decided to make a regular schedule twice each work day of the week to seek each other out on the 40 meter amateur radio band and we pretty much did for many years. Also on July 20th 2015 John Zimmerman of Olatha, Ks joined us in a 3 party round table QSO and we became a trio 5 days a week.

We would talk of course about HAM Radio and of course our families. John and Grover had become good friends long before my 1st contact with Grover so I was the new comer to the group. 9am every morning and 4pm every afternoon 5 days a week we would try and meet each other through the air ways and just talk about everything. John and I are going to try and continue that at least once a day every day of the week but I sure do miss hearing Grover, amateur radio W5FSP, John is K0JVX and I am WD5BPI in Oklahoma City. 73s Grover, missing you especially at 4 pm every weekday. Leon Smith WD5BPI also formerly K5FTU. We all considered ourselves "brasspounders" because of the telegraph code keys we used sending and receiving Morse through the air.

Leon Smith - July 19, 2023 at 05:49 PM

LC

Grover's cousin here...

It was so nice to read of your "ham radio friendship" with Grover. I remember how much he enjoyed making contact with many people - new and old. I always thought what a great thing to do, talking with people from all over!

Thanks for sharing with Grover's relatives.

L C - July 20, 2023 at 08:38 PM

CJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Fowler Jones - July 19, 2023 at 12:06 AM