



## Willard Oliver Speer

February 13, 1942 - January 1, 2026

Willard Oliver Speer, 83 of Searcy, passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026 in North Little Rock at Springhill Baptist Hospital. He was born in Wynne, Arkansas on February 13, 1942 to Gaylon and Myrtle (Payne) Speer.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carolyn Speer; 2 children, Jeffery Willard Speer (Diana), Melissa Mason (Curtis); his grandchildren, Anthony Kirk Speer (Audrey), Adrienne Spalding; great-grandchildren, Callie and Casey Speer; brother, Mark Speer (Patricia).

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Brad Speer. Oliver was known as a very hard worker. He owned and operated the Farmers Market in Bald Knob from 1969-1985 and, soon after, owned Speer's RV Sales until 2023. He took pride in caring for his place and was known for helping anyone in need. On the first Tuesday of every month you could find him and his old football buddies, known as the "Old Jock's Club", at the Market Café having their monthly meeting. Oliver was a member of the Church of Christ in Kensett, Arkansas.

Services will be conducted on Monday, January 5, 2026 at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob. Visitation will precede services, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob, Arkansas.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Bald Knob-Judsonia.



# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road  
Bald Knob, AR 72010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 5.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)  
1272 Highway 367 North  
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## Funeral Service

**JAN 5.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Willard Oliver Speer



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 07 at 09:18 AM

AJ

“ I remember Oliver from when he and Carolyn attended at Crosby Church of Christ. I'm so sorry for the family's loss.

Ava Jones - January 05 at 09:26 PM

CM

“ Our deepest sympathies, from Johnny and Carla Mason

Carla Mason - January 05 at 08:09 PM

PB

“ SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF OLIVER SPEER HE WAS A FINE CARING PERSON A GOOD CHRISTAIN DALE AND KAY BROOKS FAMILY WILL MISS HIM, GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS,HE WAS AKIND SOUL.MAY GOD HEAL YOUR BROKEN HEARTS.

PHYLLIS KAY BROOKS - January 05 at 04:50 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Willard Oliver Speer.*



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January 04 at 09:21 PM



“ *Ms. Carolyn and Family; Sorry to hear of your family's loss, Oliver has always been a friend and someone i felt was sincere when we visited. Will be out of town Monday but will surely have you in my thoughts and prayers. Johnny and Mary Hodges*

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**Johnny Hodges** - January 04 at 07:47 PM