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He was a lifelong resident of the Pittsburg and Weir areas. He attended Pittsburg schools and was a 1963 graduate of Pittsburg High School.

He was a Weir police officer and a Crawford County deputy sheriff. He was an emergency medical technician for Cherokee and Crawford counties. He was a member of Lighthouse Tabernacle of Pittsburg.

He married Stella Thornton on Aug. 2, 1975, in Pittsburg. She survives of the home.

Additional survivors include six sons, Chris Bell, Matt Bell and Daniel Bell, all of Weir, and Brandon Thornton, Adam Thornton and Richard Willhite Jr., all of the home; two daughters, Sahra Uber of Weir and Kassie Leonard of the home; his mother of Pittsburg; one sister, Penny Bell of Miami, Okla.; three brothers, Larry Bell of Cherokee and Jim Bell and David Bell, both of Pittsburg; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Weir with the Rev. Daryl Gaddy officiating. Burial will follow in Crocker Cemetery, where the U.S. Army will provide the funeral detail and military honors. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home in Weir, where friends may call after 4 p.m. today. Arrangements are under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home.

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