Obituaries

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He attended Northern Arizona State University, and received his bachelor's degree at Arkansas Tech, Jonesboro.

He was a sports reporter for the Southwest Times Record, Fort Smith, Ark. He later received a master of science degree from Pittsburg State University. He was a special education teacher at Cherryvale schools and had been a coach and counselor at other schools.


He was a lay Presbyterian minister, a member of the Cherryvale Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Cherryvale Country Club.

Survivors include one son, Stephen W. Collier, of Ozawkie; five daughters, Velia M. West, of Pittsburg, Marta K. Fielden, of Hulbert, Okla., Reda K. Ford, of Oklahoma City, Lisa E. Collier, of Lawrence, and Janine O. Collier, of Alva, Okla., and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Cherryvale Presbyterian Church with Scott Schurle officiating. Cremation will take place following the service. Friends may call at Potts Chapel, Cherryvale, from noon until 8 p.m. today. Arrangements are under the direction of Potts Chapel, Cherryvale.

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