



## Arvel Gene Hammack

March 1, 1933 - July 22, 2016

Arvel Gene Hammack, 83, a lifelong Fort Gibson resident was born March 1, 1933, in Okay, OK to Blake and Veda (Buckmaster) Hammack and entered Heaven's gates on Friday, July 22, 2016 in Tulsa, OK.

Arvel grew up in Fort Gibson where he attended school. He joined the National Guard and was mobilized into the United States Army in 1950 where he served at a Combat Veteran during the Korean War in the 45th Division. Arvel was very proud to have left his footprints in Korea, on Pork Chop Hill, Old Baldy and T-Bone Hill. Cpl Arvel Gene Hammack received an honorable discharge on July 4, 1952. Arvel began a career as a machinist and worked for Corning Glass for 29 years until it closed. He later opened his own machine shop in Fort Gibson. Arvel met and later married the love of his life and his best friend Joyce Crittenden on August 9, 1957 in Fort Gibson, a marriage that stood the test of time of 58 years, 11 months and 13 days. Arvel was a past member of the Masons, Shriners and Gideons. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, boy scout leader and a faithful member of Fort Gibson First Freewill Baptist Church. He was a zealous Oklahoma Sooner football fan beginning back in the 1950's. Arvel was also a huge Fort Gibson basketball and football fan, rarely missing a game. He was a volunteer fireman for Fort Gibson and served for a time as Fire Chief. He was also a member of American Legion Post 20, Fort Gibson for many years.

Arvel was preceded in death by his parents, daughter-in-law, Robin Hammack; brother, James Hammack; and sister, Lorene Taylor.

Those left to cherish Arvel's memory are his wife, Joyce of the home; sons, Brad Hammack and wife Vicki of Muskogee, OK, Bret Hammack and wife Renita of Fort Gibson, OK, grandkids, Blake and Hanna Hammack and Eric Hanson; sister, Irene Flickinger of Wichita, KS, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home with the family receiving friends 5PM-7PM.

A celebration of Arvel's life will be held 9:30AM, Wednesday, July 27, 2016 in the Fort Gibson First Free Will Baptist Church with Pastors Tommy Honeycutt and Tim Landers officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Tim

Smith, Jerry Walker, Larry Dale Cooper, Steve White, Lyndell Handley, Doug Burt and Larry Norman serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Robert Atchley and Corning Glass retirees.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations in Arvel's name to Gideons International at [gideons.org](http://gideons.org) or PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800.

The Family of Arvel Gene Hammack has entrusted his services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service 1224 East Poplar/PO Box 1973 Fort Gibson, OK 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Service

JUL **27.** 9:30 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson First Free Will Baptist Church  
1485 E Poplar  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall



“ Arvel Gene Hammack

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arvel Gene Hammack.



July 26, 2016 at 02:23 PM



“ He will be missed by our family, many happy times are remembered with him and his family Opal and Hellen (Burge)

Opal and Hellen (Burge) - July 26, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ 4 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - July 25, 2016 at 05:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - July 25, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Arvel Gene Hammack.



July 25, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ Thank you Arvel for being a mentor to a whole group of boys of Ft. Gibson in the mid-50's. You are remembered. God bless. Russ T.

russell thouvenel - July 25, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Ross - July 24, 2016 at 10:47 PM



“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - July 24, 2016 at 09:08 PM

VB

“Joyce, Brad, Brett and families; I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Arvel's passing. The memory of his love and laughter will carry you through this tough time. I remember so well the first time I met him and will never forget his hugs. His early morning cooking of bacon and eggs, biscuits and gravy while camping at Ft Gibson Lake or at Mother's house were always a fun time. The afternoon and evenings spent singing with Uncle Jim and Aunt 'Rene were priceless. I will cherish the memory of his love. Much love to all of you.  
Vickie (Flickinger) Bell, Wichita, KS

---

**Vickie Bell** - July 24, 2016 at 06:35 AM

MF

“Mickey Brown Family lit a candle in memory of Arvel Gene Hammack



---

**Mickey Brown Family** - July 23, 2016 at 10:43 PM