



## Earl Cawvey, Jr.

February 8, 1945 - January 16, 2025

Earl Cawvey, Jr., 79, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, entered eternal rest on Thursday, January 16, 2025, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born on February 8, 1945, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Earl Cawvey, Sr. and Alma (Linzy) Cawvey, Earl lived a life marked by dedication to his family and community.

Earl began his working life at Tasty Bread while still in high school but left before graduating to support his family. Later in life, he earned his GED in Fort Gibson with Larry Corley being his instructor. A lifelong learner with a passion for history and reading, Earl enriched his life and those around him through thoughtful conversations and shared knowledge.

In 1967, Earl met the love of his life, Kay Huitt, at Brown's Dairy Snack in Fort Gibson. Their marriage was filled with cherished memories of drive-in movies, skating rink outings, and evenings spent cruising the streets ending at the Rootbeer Stand or the Golden Corral Drive-In, where Beacon is presently located. Together they built a life centered on love and family.

As a young man, Earl was known as "Gentleman Jim" to the CB Radio Community and utilized many CB lingo terms, such as Breaker Breaker, Copy That, Hammer Down, BR549 (code for I can't hear you) and 10-4 Good Buddy.

Earl found great joy in coaching his children's sports teams, creating countless memories. He also pursued a variety of hobbies that brought him happiness and fulfillment, including hunting, fishing, reading, and indulging in his passion for fast cars and motorcycles.

Earl dedicated two decades of his life as a volunteer firefighter for Fort Gibson, demonstrating a deep commitment to his community. In addition to his service as a firefighter, he contributed to the town's growth and development by serving on the Zoning and Planning Committee.

Earl was a devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather who touched the lives of many with his kindness and generosity. Known for his big, soft heart and unwavering compassion, Earl had a remarkable ability to not only connect with people, but his pets too, especially dogs. His gentle nature and deep empathy were evident in the way he cared for others. If he knew someone was facing challenges, he would go out of his way to offer support and lend a helping hand. Earl will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and community.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Anna Mae Cawvey; father-in-law, Wallace 'Skin' Huitt; mother-in-law, Ruth Huitt; brothers, Sherman 'Jabo' Bias, Reese Hinds, and Dennis Radebaugh; sisters, Patricia 'Pat' Green and Martha Mathis; sisters-in-law, Rhonda Hinds and Brenda Hinds; niece, Jennifer 'Jinny' Hinds; grand baby Spears and great-grand baby Cawvey.

Those left to cherish Earl's memories are his wife, Kay, of the home; son, Kevin Cawvey and wife Mary of Fort Gibson; daughter, Amy Spears and husband Cyrus of Checotah; grandchildren, Amanda Cawvey, Justin Cawvey and wife Katie, Austin Cawvey, Woodrow Spears, Prairie Rose Spears, Saysha Sisco, and Luran Buckmaster and husband JP; great-grandchildren, Emma Bell, Ava Bell, Beau Cawvey, Liam Cawvey, Taeden Cawvey, Cas Moore, Kaydance Moore, Jagger Moore, Rayleigh Moore, Beau Moore, Buddy Moore, Salem Moore, Autumn Bird, Kinlee Berner, Audrey Buckmaster, and Lucas Buckmaster; siblings, Mary Pfeifer, Jerry Hinds and wife Betty, Michael Hinds, Ginger Wade and husband Fred, Sue Ann Betts, Shelly Harmon and husband Steve, LeaAnn Schrader and husband Jimmy, Byran Radebaugh and wife Tammy, Mike Radebaugh and wife Carol, Bill Green, Jean Mathis, Jimmy Rogers, Freddie Rogers; extended family and countless friends.

A viewing will be held 12PM - 7PM Tuesday, January 21, 2025, with the family receiving friends 5PM - 7PM at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Earl's life will be 11AM Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Community Gospel Center in Fort Gibson with Pastor John Overton officiating and Pastor Cyrus Spears eulogizing.

Committal prayers and interment will be at 1:30PM at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Justin Cawvey, Austin Cawvey, Woodrow Spears, Bo Mathis, Gary Spencer, and Mike Berkenbile serving as casket bearers. Billy Green, Tommy White, Sean Sherman, Edmond Jones and Larry Joe Huitt will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Earl Cawvey, Jr. has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 21. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

JAN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
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## Celebration of Life

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Gospel Center  
1686 Highway 62 East  
Fort Gibson , OK 74434

## Committal

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JAN 22. 1:30 PM (CT)

Citizens Cemetery  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall

HG

“ I went to school with Earl and Pat at the old Georgetown School many many years ago. My wife was best friends with his wife Kay in Ft. Gibson.

*May God Bless you all at this time of sorrow.*

*Martha and Ray Gootee.*

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**Herbert Gootee** - January 29, 2025 at 08:52 AM

TB

“ Kay:  
*Roger and I are very sorry to hear about your husband. You and your family are in our prayers.*  
*Tammy Bell*

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**Tammy K Bell** - January 21, 2025 at 11:11 PM

AB

“ Dear Kay, Kevin and Amy  
*I just want to let you know Earl was an awesome guy, I enjoyed living with you guys, he was an awesome person, he loved everything about ya'll as well as me! He was the best, all of you are in my prayers, hugs to each one of you, can't wait to see him again in Heaven!🌈 love y'all!! He will be missed!*  
*Sincerely Angela Black*



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**Angela Black** - January 21, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl Cawvey, Jr..



January 21, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ I grew up just below the Fort Gibson dam little Earl as we all knew him by was an inspiration to us he had a kind, friendly nature about him. In all the years I was around him I can say I never saw him loose his temper he was a good example to young children. He will be missed 🙏

joe karnes - January 20, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Amy Clinkenbeard lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey



Amy Clinkenbeard - January 20, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Earl was a good man with a loving family. Prayers to family. Wanda Colston



Wanda Colston - January 18, 2025 at 05:21 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey*



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**Eunice Brown** - January 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JB

“ *Jeanie&joe beavers lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey*



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**Jeanie&joe beavers** - January 17, 2025 at 08:08 PM

CW

“ *cindy Wade lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey*



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**cindy Wade** - January 17, 2025 at 06:32 PM

CT

“ *Celesta Turner lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey*



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**Celesta Turner** - January 17, 2025 at 06:26 PM

SA

“ *Susan Amerson lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey*



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**Susan Amerson** - January 17, 2025 at 02:44 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Huggins Worley lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey*



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**Sandra Huggins Worley** - January 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JH

“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Earl Cawvey*



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**James Harris** - January 16, 2025 at 10:52 PM