



Elmer Francis 'Hoppy' Estep

June 16, 1939 - October 29, 2025

Elmer Francis 'Hoppy' Estep, 86, of Porter, OK was born June 16, 1939, in Pumpkin Hollow, OK, to Robert and Myrtle (Burgess) Estep and peacefully passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, in Muskogee.

Hoppy joined the United States Army and proudly served from September 13, 1956 and received an honorable discharge on January 30, 1958. Hoppy was a dedicated and ambitious individual who proudly earned his associate degree, marking the beginning of a successful career as a contractor in commercial construction, renovating banks was his specialty. His meticulous attention to detail and strong work ethic allowed him to excel in his field, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and clients alike. On October 19, 1993 he married his best friend, Judy Burdine. This loving marriage flourished for 32 years until his passing, a testament to their deep and enduring bond.

He was a passionate enthusiast whose vibrant spirit shone through in every aspect of his life. A devoted lover of classic cars, he delighted in the sleek designs and rumbling motors that took him back to a bygone era. His adventurous heart led him to jet boats, where he reveled in the exhilarating rush of gliding across the water, and dirt bikes, where he embraced the thrill of conquering rugged trails. Known for his unwavering work ethic, Hoppy approached every project with determination and creativity, leaving a mark of excellence in all he did. He owned and operated Estep Automotive in the 1960's and proudly served as a Muskogee Reserve Police Officer for 22

years. Hoppy was an iron worker in his younger years and built many of the tall buildings in Tulsa. His zest for life and unwavering passion for the things he loved will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Hoppy is now reunited with his parents, Robert Lincoln Estep and Myrtle Estep; his brothers, Thomas Youngblood, Jack Warren Estep, John Clifton Estep, Floyd Don Estep, Billy Wayne "Pete" Estep, and Delmer Pierce Estep; and his sisters, Pauline Ester Youngblood, Minnie Lucille Youngblood, Wanda Mae Estep, Roberta Jean "Robbie" Estep, and Joan Estep.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Judy Estep of the home; his daughter, Marlene Truesdale and husband John of Locust Grove; his sons, Dwayne Estep and wife Rosa of Muskogee, OK, and Everett McAdoo and wife Shannon of Muskogee; his granddaughter, Catina Pue and husband Michael of Coweta, his grandsons, David Estep of Muskogee, Keith Clark and his wife Tori of Tulsa, Adam McAdoo of Muskogee, and Patrick McAdoo of Muskogee; extended family, and many friends.

A visitation with family receiving friends will be 5:30PM – 7:30PM Monday, November 3, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee.

A celebration of Hoppy's life will be 12:30PM, Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel in Muskogee with Brother Justin Kinman officiating and Everett McAdoo eulogizing.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Larry Hammack Jr, Darrell Barnard, Johnny Kirk, Dale Reinhart, Jeremy Coleman, and Braden Coleman serving as casket bearers. Tommy Snyder Sr., Tommy Snyder, Jr., Larry Hammack Sr., and Ernie Hollifield will serve as honorary casket bearers. Full Military honors will be observed

The family of Elmer Francis "Hoppy" Estep has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

NOV 3. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory (Muskogee)
1020 West Okmulgee Ave
Muskogee, OK 74401
(918) 910-8883

Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 12:30 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel
1020 W Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Committal Service

NOV 4. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Michael Pue, I am the husband of Catina, his granddaughter. I first met him on Thanksgiving Day, 2006. It was my first Thanksgiving with Cat’s extended family, and our second year dating. Keith and Tori were also there, and Keith was recording EVERYTHING on video hahaha! It was a LOT of fun and I immediately fell in love with her family. It was when I knew I wanted to propose soon. Papaw was very kind to me that day, and very warm and welcoming. He made sure I felt like one of the family! He was so fun to talk to, telling jokes effortlessly because of his high intelligence. I miss that day. I’d do anything to be able to go back to it again. I’ll miss you, Hoppy. You and Judy have always been such wonderful and kind people. I very much look forward to being reunited!

Michael Pue - November 03, 2025 at 11:16 PM