



Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance

October 17, 1931 - May 14, 2026

Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance, 94, of Fort Gibson, was born on October 17, 1931, in Lone, Arkansas to Claude Luster and Allie (Hurt) Brigance, and peacefully passed away Thursday, May 14, 2026, at his residence.

In December of 1935, Bud's family purchased a farm in Morris, Oklahoma. He grew up working on the farm and graduated from Morris High School in May of 1950. Following high school, he continued his education at Oklahoma A&M Technology in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where he studied Radio and Television Technology.

Bud proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was drafted on October 20, 1952, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and served for 26 months before receiving his honorable discharge as a Corporal on December 9, 1954, at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

In April of 1955 Bud met and later married his best friend and the love of his life, Letha Dodson. Together they shared 70 wonderful years, building a life centered on faith, love, family, and devotion to one another.

Bud began his career with Sullivan Electronics in Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he worked for several years before joining International Business Machines (IBM) in October of 1961. He dedicated 30 years to IBM as a Field Engineer, earning the respect of coworkers and friends through his strong work ethic and dependability. He retired in December of 1991.

He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and found joy in many hobbies throughout his life. In his younger years, after many rounds of playing

golf, while others looked for something cold to drink, Bud only wanted a cup of coffee. He also enjoyed gardening, tinkering with projects in his shop, putting together puzzles, and playing chess. In his retirement years, he especially loved genealogy and took great pride in researching and preserving his family history for future generations.

Bud will be remembered for his joyful spirit, steady guidance, and willingness to help others whenever they needed him. He was a loving father to Claude and Twila Brigance, and a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Whether helping with last-minute projects, offering advice, or simply being present, Bud was someone his family could always count on.

The family would also like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Shannon Lloyd and the caring staff of Complete OK Hospice, Lynn Kell and the staff of Community Care Home Health, as well as the dedicated doctors, nurses, and staff of the Jack C Montgomery VA Medical Center for the compassion and care they provided to Bud.

He is now reunited with his parents; and siblings, Vendall Brigance, Neil Brigance, and Ollie Jean (Jeannie) Brigance.

Those left to cherish Bud's memories are his loving wife, Letha, of the home; children, Claude Brigance of Beggs and Twila Brigance of Fort Gibson; sister, Wanda Payne and husband Tom of Tulsa; grandchildren, Amanda Albin of Pryor, as well as her children Haley and Ceaton; James Brigance and wife Leah of Beggs, as well as their children Averie, Aubrie, and Gracie; Jacob Brigance of Beggs, as well as his children Alexia (Lexi) and Rex; Tanner Brigance and wife Hayley of Okmulgee, as well as their children Kinsley and Nolan; extended family and many friends.

A visitation with the family receiving friends will be held 5PM – 7PM Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Bud's celebration of life will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 10AM in the Chapel of Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with Jacob Brigance officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson Daniel Nevett, Tanner Brigance, James Brigance, Jacob Brigance, Jesse Wofford, and Clayton Webb serving as casket bearers. Claude Brigance, Jim Hoover, Glen Bell, Jack Gritts, and Marvin Oakley will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance 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.

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

MAY 20. 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

Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Bill and Maggie Hackler purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.



Bill and Maggie Hackler - May 19 at 10:31 PM

BH

“ Bill and Maggie Hackler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.

Bill and Maggie Hackler - May 19 at 10:31 PM

RW

“ Roger and Cassie Wells purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.



Roger and Cassie Wells - May 19 at 07:26 PM

LM

“ Leigh Ann Matthews lit a candle in memory of Glendall Brigance



Leigh Ann Matthews - May 19 at 12:37 PM

WF

“ Wanda, Tom & Payne Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.



Wanda, Tom & Payne Family - May 19 at 10:53 AM

BR

“ Bill, Don, and Mona Romack purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.



Bill, Don, and Mona Romack - May 18 at 11:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.



May 17 at 08:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.

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JT

“ Jessica, Jordan, and Cooper Tinsley purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Glendall Claude 'Bud' Brigance.



Jessica, Jordan, and Cooper Tinsley - May 16 at 05:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Bud's Tribute Album



Clifford Garrett - May 15 at 03:46 PM