



Horace Clifton Lindley

May 13, 1926 - November 2, 2023

Horace Clifton Lindley, 97, of Muskogee, was born May 13, 1926, in Marked Tree, AR to Raymond and Florence (Brewer) Lindley. He peacefully passed away Thursday, November 2, 2023, in Muskogee.

Horace was raised and educated in Arkansas before joining the United States Navy. He served in WWII and was honorably discharged June 6, 1952. He met and later married his best friend, Emma D. Meadows, on December 14, 1949, in Monett, AR. Their marriage stood the test of time of 73 years, ten months, and 19 days; sixty-five of those years in the Muskogee area. Horace started his career in heavy construction, with a specialty in underground infrastructure. He retired from National Steel Erectors in 1984. Horace was a proud member of the Operators Engineers Union and was of the Baptist Faith. His hobbies included collecting and restoring vintage automobiles, and world-wide travel with his family. He enjoyed gardening, along with teaching and playing dominos with his grandchildren. He loved his family fiercely, and will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Horace was preceded in death by his parents; his sons, Guy Clifton Lindley and Dennis Ray Lindley, Sr.; brothers, Raymond Lindley, William Lindley, Jody W. Lindley, Carl Lindley and Boyce Lindley; and his sister, Bernice Leonard. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Emma of the home; son, Horace E. Lindley and wife Linda of Fort Gibson, OK; grandsons, Dennis Ray Lindley, Jr. of Pauls Valley, OK, and Shawn Clifton Lindley and wife Kristie of St Paul, MN; granddaughters, Amanda Vesper and husband Eric of Markham, TX, and

Sarah J. Lee and husband David of Boise, ID; several great grandchildren; extended family; and many friends.

A celebration of Horace's life will be held at 12PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel in Muskogee, OK with his son, Horace Lindley officiating and granddaughter, Sarah Lee eulogist.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Dennis Ray Lindley, Jr., Shawn Clifton Lindley, David Lee, Ken Sullivan, Casey Meadows, and Charles Hollis serving as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Horace Clifton Lindley has entrusted his care, services, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee, OK, 918-910-8883.

Online condolences may be left for Horace's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Ok

84 S Gladd Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Joe Karnes lit a candle in memory of Horace Lindley



Joe Karnes - November 09, 2023 at 09:56 PM

DG

“ My dad and I both worked with Horace. He was a pleasure to be around.always had a smile. Doyle Groat

Doyle Groat - November 07, 2023 at 11:07 PM

TF

Thank you so much for your message. We appreciate your kind words and for thinking of us.
- The Lindley Family

The Lindley Family - November 09, 2023 at 07:32 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Horace Clifton Lindley.



November 07, 2023 at 12:48 PM

CW

“ It has been said that “old soldiers never die, but simply fade away”.....for me, a sense of sadness looms as this generation quietly, yet so honorably vanish, but I am truly grateful that they lived. It is my hope that the memory of Horace will fade ever so sweetly and gently into countless, treasured memories that will sustain and comfort the many who knew and loved this incredible husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. His remarkable long and well-lived life is a testament to his greatest generation....men whose lives represented such a strong work ethic, dignity, courage, commitment and an integrity that is rare today but remembered well by many of us fortunate enough to have been surrounded and raised by such men. He chose well, marrying his beloved Emma years ago, together becoming a formidable and devoted team raising three sons and together creating a loving environment in which grandchildren later thrived. The few opportunities I had to be with them were enough to know them. My mom Belle and I enjoyed any chance seeing them out and about....always together, always smiling, always so friendly and happy to swap stories and share memories with us of earlier days. I will recall most fondly Horaces’ deep appreciation and joy of his good health and being able to grow older...defying it by embracing it. All 97 years of it. Linda, my dearest childhood friend always speaks lovingly of them, Horace and daughter Sarah represent the best of them, which now adds much to my appreciation of their family and the Lindley legacy. With my deepest, most heartfelt sympathies, Carolyn Cahoon Watts

Carolyn Watts - November 07, 2023 at 10:27 AM

TF

What an amazing message, Carolyn. Your beautiful words touched our hearts and comforted us more than you can know. Thank you for taking the time to share with us - our words can't convey it as well as yours.
- The Lindley Family

The Lindley Family - November 09, 2023 at 07:36 AM

BL

Dear Emma, I just found out about Horace. I am so so sorry for your loss. I only knew Horace & you briefly. I think connecting to you both was a gift that I will always cherish. His gentleness and smiling grace will always be remembered in my heart. God received a true gentleman in his kingdom . God bless you, Emma for your loving care. My condolences to you and your family. Love Betty

Betty Leighton - January 25, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Horace Clifton Lindley.*



November 06, 2023 at 06:12 PM

SH

“ *Curt and I are sad to hear that Uncle Horace passed away. We always had fun visiting your family, playing dominoes, and hearing the latest stories about The Vampire Cricket. We are lifting your family up in our prayers.*

Curt and Sherry Hill

Sherry Hill - November 06, 2023 at 05:33 PM

TF

Thank you Sherry and Curt for thinking of us and for sharing your memories. We are comforted knowing Horace was loved.

The Lindley Family

The Lindley Family - November 09, 2023 at 07:38 AM

AP

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Uncle Horace. We have so many good memories of spending time together. We especially enjoyed all the dominoes games we played. Your family is in our prayers. Love, Sybil Lindley and Anita Lindley Pettola and Steve Pettola.

Anita Lindley Pettola - November 06, 2023 at 04:45 PM

TF

Thank you Sybil, Anita, and Steve for your sweet message. Hearing your memories and knowing he was loved by so many is such a comfort. And thank you for your prayers, too.
The Lindley Family

The Lindley Family - November 09, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Horace Clifton Lindley.



November 04, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Horace Clifton Lindley.



November 04, 2023 at 11:00 AM

KB

“ Keith and Kristen Bishop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Horace Clifton Lindley.

Keith and Kristen Bishop - November 04, 2023 at 11:00 AM