



Joe Woodson Cunningham

February 14, 1935 - March 27, 2026

Joe Woodson Cunningham, 91, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2026, in Muskogee. He was born on February 14, 1935, in Artesia, New Mexico, to Russell Haskell and Daisy (Hinds) Cunningham. Joe graduated from Braggs Public Schools and went on to serve his country with honor. He enlisted in the United States Army in April of 1957 in Muskogee and served until his honorable discharge in April of 1959 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In addition to his military service, Joe built a long and dedicated career at Corning Glass in Muskogee, where he worked in maintenance for 38 years before retiring. After retirement, he found joy in traveling and reconnecting with old friends he had not seen for years. Joe was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Muskogee.

Joe shared a remarkable life with his beloved wife, Barbara Sue. Their marriage spanned over 64 years until her passing in February of 2021. Together they created a legacy of love and commitment that will be remembered by all who knew them.

Joe's memory will live on through the lives he touched and the friendships he cherished. May his life serve as an inspiration to those who knew him.

Joe is now reunited with his wife of 64 years, Barbara Sue Cunningham; his parents, Haskell and Daisy Cunningham; sisters, Wilma Lovell, Bertha Beavers, Jean Hays, Barbara Wallace, and Patsy Williams; brothers, Russell Cunningham, Jack Cunningham, Harold Cunningham, and Jerry Cunningham.

Those left to cherish Joe's memory are his sisters, Sue Rogers and Roberta Rogers both of Muskogee; brother, Don Cunningham of Fort Gibson; several nieces and nephews; extended family; and many friends.

Visitation with family receiving friends will be 5PM-7PM, Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Joe's life will be 1PM, Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson with Pastor Kevin Chartney officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Muskogee.

The family of Joe Woodson Cunningham has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the Cunningham family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd
Muskogee, OK 74401

Previous Events

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

MAR 31. 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

APR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DR

“ I’m so sorry to hear about the passing of my neighbor, Joe. May the special memories of him help you through this difficult time. My fondest memories of Joe, is his walking routine. There was hardly a day that you didn’t see him on the roads around Park Ridge community. He always had a wave and a smile for you. Keeping the entire family in my prayers & warmest thoughts as you navigate this difficult time. Wishing ya’ll hope and healing when you’re ready.

Darla Ryan - April 08 at 06:58 PM

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“ To the Cunningham family,

Please accept our condolences on behalf of the Braggs History Project.



He helped us preserve some of our little town's history. In one of our Braggs books, he told the story of how a number of girls were moved up a grade so Braggs could keep its high school.

Joe served honorably in the U.S. Army. His name is listed in our Braggs Veterans Park. As long as stone stands, he will be remembered.

He earned the gratitude of a grateful nation and a grateful community.

We thank him.

With sincere sympathies,

*Fran Hutchens Barker
for the Braggs History Project*

Fran Barker - March 30 at 12:06 PM

BS

Joe was a true gentleman. Always kind, caring, soft spoken, never too busy to speak and ask about your family. Such a gentle person. He and Barbara Sue were special friends. The world has lost another jewel but I have no doubt he is rejoicing in heaven with his beloved Barbara and his family. My condolences to his earthly family and friends.

Betty Smallwood - March 30 at 10:08 PM

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Linda Steele Stockstill—Sincere condolences from Harold & I. Joe was one of kindest people I've ever known

Linda Steele Stockstill - April 02 at 11:03 AM