



## John Clinton Mullen

February 1, 1936 - March 15, 2025

John Clinton Mullen, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away on March 15, 2025, in Tulsa at the age of 89. He was born on February 1, 1936, in Wainwright, Oklahoma, to Noble and Marguerite (Kennedy) Mullen.

John graduated from Muskogee Public Schools with the Class of 1955. He went on to serve his Country in the United States Army from 1958 until his honorable discharge in 1960. John also proudly served on the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (Old Honor Guard), Company E (Honor Guard), Escort to the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Following his military service, he pursued higher education at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

John dedicated more than two decades to the Muskogee Police Department, where he served as both a policeman and later as a detective. John's commitment to law enforcement and public service left a lasting impact on the Muskogee community. He was also a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

In October of 1993, John married the love of his life, Mary Ann Denton, in Arkansas. Together, they shared a deep and cherished bond that remained strong throughout their years together.

Beyond his professional life, John had a passion for ranching and rodeoing, activities he enjoyed alongside his brother, Wayne. These passions brought him great joy and reflected his love for the outdoors and the Western way of life.

John is now reunited with his parents; brother, Wayne Mullen; and his nephew, Michael Mullen.

Those left to cherish his memories are his beloved wife and soulmate, Mary Ann, of the home; daughters, Marcie VanHoose and her husband John and Jennifer Howard; step-daughter, Dianna Brown and her husband Eric; step-sons, Jeff Denton and his wife Vicky and Curt Denton and his wife Sally; nephew, Mark Mullen and his wife Tammy; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and countless friends.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 1PM Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel in Muskogee, with Pastor David Smith officiating.

John's grandchildren will serve as honorary urn bearers.

The family of John Clinton Mullen has entrusted his care, service, and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee. (918) 910-8883.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Autumn, Heather, and Joy purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John Clinton Mullen.



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**Autumn, Heather, and Joy** - March 17, 2025 at 05:49 PM

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“ Autumn, Heather, and Joy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Clinton Mullen.

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**Autumn, Heather, and Joy** - March 17, 2025 at 05:49 PM