



Melvin Ray Hardy

May 5, 1940 - March 26, 2019

Melvin Ray Hardy, 78, of Fort Gibson was born May 5, 1940 in Phillip, MS to Vernon Fred and Edgle Cristeen (Camp) Hardy and peacefully passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in Tulsa with his loving family by his side.

Melvin served four years in the Air Force stationed at Elgin Air Force Base in Florida. There he served as assistant crew chief on SAC bombers. Following his honorable discharge, Melvin went into the agricultural business where he managed numerous grain elevators in Mississippi, Alabama and Oklahoma.

Not a lot was required to make Melvin happy. He had various interests at different times in his life. At one time he did a little woodworking and fishing. Whenever possible, he loved to be on the go. Whether out to eat, to ballgames, or on family trips, just say “go” and he was ready. Not only did he enjoy the sights we went to see, but the many interesting conversations he initiated with people along the way.

In every aspect of his life Melvin was known as a “people person”. Whether he knew you or not, he was going to talk to you. By the time the conversation was over, he knew at least who you were, where you lived, your occupation, and usually a lot more. Despite the person’s circumstances or what they looked like he was interested in what they had to say. During several years of deteriorating health, Melvin made an indelible impression on so many people because of his positive attitude. From family to friends to doctors, time was spent enjoying his relationship with them instead of being dispirited by his physical condition.

One of the most obvious things to anyone knowing Melvin was that he loved his family. He grew up with five siblings who were always close. When he married and had children and grandchildren his happiness was not dependent upon his wants and needs but on theirs. He truly gave unconditional love to his family. The gift was not wrapped in a fancy package but it has endured through the years and will always continue in our memories.

Melvin is survived by his wife; Katherine of the home; son, Jeff Hardy and wife Amy;

daughter, Katrina Whiteday and husband Greg; granddaughters, Anna Hardy, Abigail and Emsley Whiteday; grandson, Fletcher Hardy; sisters, Dean Harris of Huntsville, AL., Gay Moorehead and husband Milton of Issaquah, WA; brother, Danny Hardy and wife Mary Ann of Stuttgart, AR; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

Preceded in death by his parents; Vernon & Edgle Hardy; sister, Marion Bailey; brother, Kim Hardy.

A memorial service celebrating Melvin's life will be held 11AM Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Southeast Baptist Church in Muskogee with Pastor Mike Murray and Pastor Steve Moss officiating. Inurnment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma with military honors.

The family of Melvin Ray Hardy has entrusted his cremation and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Southeast Baptist Church
2511 East Hancock Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Ray Hardy*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

CM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Cleon and Glenda McClain



Cleon and Glenda McClain - April 04, 2019 at 02:41 PM

LS

“ *We are so sorry about the passing of Melvin and pray for the entire extended Hardy family. As we look back over years, we cannot help but smile as we remember Appi, Clyde, Uncle Bubba, Uncle Glen, Aunt Doris and Mother. What a fun group they were and what a positive influence they had on all us cousins. Let us pray for one another, knowing that some day we will all be together again.*

Larry and Jane Shurden

Larry Shurden - April 04, 2019 at 01:31 AM



“ *67 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - April 03, 2019 at 08:35 AM

LK

“ Love, Minnie Hazel, Yvonne, Karen, Chuck, Kathy purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Melvin Ray Hardy.



Love, Minnie Hazel, Yvonne, Karen, Chuck, Kathy - April 01, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin Ray Hardy.



April 01, 2019 at 05:58 PM

RH

“ Robert Harris purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Melvin Ray Hardy.



Robert Harris - April 01, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin Ray Hardy.



March 30, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Ray Hardy.



March 29, 2019 at 08:43 AM

WC

“ Katrina and family. Dr. Calliccoat and I are so sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs to all of you. Love, Wendy

Wendy Calliccoat - March 29, 2019 at 08:39 AM

DH

“ I am so sorry for your terrible loss. My mom and dad thought the world of Melvin and so did Dave and I. We love you guys. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dena Howe - March 27, 2019 at 03:30 PM

KC

Randy and I are so sorry to hear about Mr.Hardy's passing. We hope that the love of family and friends will comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead.

Krystal Cox - March 28, 2019 at 11:42 PM

SJ

I am so sorry for your loss, please tell Catherine I'm thinking of her

Sheila Jones - March 30, 2019 at 10:06 PM

KT

I love ya'll and am praying for God to give you peace and comfort. Uncle Melvin always made me feel especially loved and I know he is making those that have gone on to glory before him smile at his being there with them! He'll be missed but I'll see him again one day.....what a happy day that will be.

Kathy Bain Thomas - April 01, 2019 at 07:10 PM