



Melvin "Butch" Osborne Jr

November 21, 1944 - March 17, 2014

It all began November 21, 1944. Melvin Osborne Jr. was born to Melvin Sr. and Betty (Schilt) Osborne in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He passed from this earth, to his rewards on March 17, 2014 in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Melvin "Butch" as he became affectionately known as at a young age by his father, grew up in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He attended Muskogee Public Schools. He left at age 17 to serve his country in the United States Army in 1962. He did his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, MO, before being stationed in Germany. It was in Germany that he met and fell in love with his soul mate for life, Eileen O'Brien. They married December 12, 1964, in Ireland. Melvin was honorably discharged from the Army in 1965. They relocated back to Muskogee before settling in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma where they remained.

Melvin spent many years working in the mining industry, learning the explosives business. He started work for Arkhola in 1972, working the underground mine. Spending many years in that field, he later went to work for Buckley Powder Company, who he regarded as not just an employer, but family. Melvin was also called to preach at a young age, and was ordained as a Southern Baptist Minister. He settled as Pastor for Bethel Baptist Church, where he remained since 1985. He was also a 32nd degree Master Mason, a bond he shared with both his father and his youngest son, Paul.

Melvin touched many lives in his time here on earth, and he never met a stranger. Everyone who met him was always touched by his kindness and

generosity. Even in his last few months battling illness, he was always thinking of his beloved wife and family first. Our hearts will never mend his loss.

Melvin was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother, Cora Mae Gaither, and his parents Melvin Sr. and Betty Osborne.

Those left here to cherish his memory are his wife of 49 years, Eileen Osborne of the home, his four sons, Gerald and Beth Osborne of Pryor, Oklahoma, Mike and Kimberly Osborne of Tulsa, Oklahoma, David and Rebecca Osborne of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Paul and Dawn Osborne also of Muskogee, Oklahoma, seven grandchildren; Sarah, Emily, Stephen, Courtney, Andrew, Kathryn, and Marissa, step grandchildren; Keifer Arnold and wife Stephanie of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Damian Hammer of Independence, Kansas, and a lifetime of friends. We love you Dad. Rest in peace, sweet prince.

A visitation will be held Sunday, March 23, 2014 with the family receiving friends from 3:00PM to 5:00PM at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of Butch's life will be held Monday, March 24, 2014 at 11:00AM at First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson with Brother Ron Dean officiating. Interment will follow at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Mark Ford, Mike Berkenbile, Jason Herron, Kevin Godwin, Dr. Mike Nelson, and Scott Smith serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Ray Rainey, Bob Ballard, Michael Dean, and Danny Younce. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations in Butch's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate.

The family of Melvin "Butch" Osborne Jr. has entrusted his services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home 1224 E Poplar Fort Gibson, OK 74434 (918)478-2555.

Online condolences may be made at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Service

MAR **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 E Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin "Butch" Osborne Jr*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

MY

“ I met Mr Osborne about a month in a half ago when he came into the doctor's office. I'm responsible for the referrals. I never thought I would meet someone that reminds me so much of my grandfather whom I lost 9yrs ago. He too never met a stranger. Mr Osborne told me several war stories, spoke about his love for his wife and children, grandkids. Told me about a friend that was doing treatments and didnt have anyone to sit with him during those times. So he told me that he took him under his wings of friendship. I called Mr. Osborne one day to make sure home health came out to the house. He told me "Michelle, thank you so much for taking such good care of me. I guess all that water I drank wasn't enough for me." (we started laughing). Then he began to tell me more about his life. In an instant I knew this man was very special. I told him about my grandpa. Mr. Osborne said "I will tell him hello when I get there". Made me cry. Mr Osborne said "don't cry sister, just know God loves you and I will see you again.

A week went by and I called him again to check on him. Mr. Osborne answered the phone "good morning good afternoon, I like bacon and eggs, how about you?". Hello my friend Michelle :).....we started talking again about some more war stories. Mr. Osborne told me he loved me. I asked him how so, He said "because that's the Godly way of life. I told him thank you for being my new friend and giving me some laughter when i called even in the darkness of pain. .I will never forget this man. I was blessed to have known him even thou it wasnt for very long.

Mrs. Osborne, the love you 2 shared is hardly ever heard from these days. He was so proud of being your husband. The love he described was only God's love he created. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family. If there is anything I or my staff can do for you, please call us.

I will never eat bacon and eggs without thinking of Mr. Osborne.....Good bye friend. Say hello to my grandpa

*Much love,
Michelle
Dr Vu office*

Michelle Young - March 24, 2014 at 03:14 PM

MJ

“ *So very sorry for your loss. He was such a nice and kind man. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He will be missed by many ... Mark & Judy Jessee.*

Mark & Judy Jessee - March 24, 2014 at 08:23 AM

MN

“ *I have had the honor of knowing Melvin and his family for 30 plus years and my heart breaks for them. Being friends with his sons resulted in spending many hours at their house usually playing wiffle ball or basketball in the front yard. Melvin and Eileen always made me feel welcome and Melvin always had a kind word to say usually asking how " little rocky" was doing since my dads nickname was rocky. The number one rule I learned was you didn't set in Mel's recliner at supper time especially if WWF wrestling was on tv! Some of my fondest memories of my youth were spent at the Osborne house. Years later, after starting my dental practice in Fort Gibson, I was honored to have Melvin and Eileen come as patients. Even though Mel was not thrilled to have dental work done, he always could keep his sense of humor and on more than one occasion , would get me laughing so hard I would have to stop for a minute. When I would see his name on the schedule for the day it would always bring a smile to my face! I will miss him very much but I know there are going to be even more smiles and laughter in heaven now that Mel has arrived!
Love, Dr. Mike Nelson and family.*

Mike Nelson - March 23, 2014 at 10:20 PM

SH

“ Butch way always a great man. i grew up with him. he was a good friend to my brother when my brother was always getting in trouble. Butch tried so hard to get him in church and do the right thing. he always loved the lord and telling everyone about god, even when he was a young boy. i know his family and friends will miss this great man. i don't know all of his sons but i do know Paul and my heart goes out to you and your family Paul. im so sorry for your loss of a great husband, father and grandfather.
sam moran hiser

sam moran hiser - March 23, 2014 at 05:23 PM

AB

“ My heart goes out to your family!!! Y'all were some of my favorite customers! I always looked forward to our conversations on Wednesday nights!! You both truly touched my life!! Love you both

Amber Morris (My Place BBQ) - March 23, 2014 at 01:21 PM

MG

“ Although I haven't seen Melvin in about 10 years, I still have fond thoughts of him. I remember him saying before a company meeting, " We must be all here, because we aren't all there." I will miss him very much.

Mike Goforth - March 20, 2014 at 11:54 AM

JH

“ Jennifer Hazelwood lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Butch" Osborne Jr



Jennifer Hazelwood - March 20, 2014 at 10:48 AM

JH

He was a great man I attended his church when I was young and he is the one that baptized me when I brought Jesus into my heart!!! You will be missed!!!

Jennifer Hazelwood - March 20, 2014 at 10:53 AM

DH

“ We Will Miss Melvin. I could always count on him for advice or Help. He looked after me like I was his little brother. I remember Melvin always Telling me to Get right with the Lord and then Melvin would look at me and smile and say because he was going to need a Blasting Man Up there in Heaven. Once Again Looking Out For His Little Brother. Don Hopper

Don Hopper - March 19, 2014 at 01:53 PM

GF

Melvin was a great friend to my family. He and my late husband Floyd worked together blowing stuff up at Meridian Aggregates and Floyd said that was the greatest job of his life working with the greatest man he had ever known! Melvin did my family and I the greatest honor by performing Floyd's funeral service and I know that Floyd was smiling....Rest in Peace my dear friend...

Ginny Ford - March 20, 2014 at 08:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin "Butch" Osborne Jr.



March 19, 2014 at 12:02 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin "Butch" Osborne Jr.*



March 19, 2014 at 11:41 AM



“ *Phoenix Coal Sales, Inc. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Melvin "Butch" Osborne Jr.*



Phoenix Coal Sales, Inc. - March 19, 2014 at 11:40 AM