



Ralph D Armstrong

July 8, 1932 - October 8, 2019

Ralph Dale Armstrong was born on July 8, 1932 in Sasakwa, Oklahoma to Dalton and Retha (Ramsey) Armstrong.

On Tuesday, October 8, 2019 he passed away peacefully at Tahlequah City Hospital at the age of 87, his son and daughter by his side as he left his earthly home and entered into the gates of Heaven to his everlasting home.

After graduation from high school in 1950 he made the decision to enlist in the military and proudly served his country in the Navy during the Korean War from August 10, 1951 to August 4, 1955 on the USS John R. Craig DD-885.

He married the love of his life Anna Lee Torix on May 25, 1953 in San Diego, California. In December of 1957 they were blessed to welcome their first child and son, Clayton Dale Armstrong. In January of 1962 they were blessed once again with the birth of their daughter, Tonya Kim Armstrong.

In 1965 he moved his family east of Fort Gibson and bought a simple country home along with 20 acres. There are so many memories we have growing up on those country roads with our precious dad.

Ralph retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1988.

He was a devoted member of the Fort Gibson First Baptist Church and took an active role as Youth Director, Sunday School Director and Sunday School Teacher. He rarely missed a Sunday at church until the last few years due to declining health and caring for his beloved wife.

He was also a very faithful and passionate volunteer at the Frank Gladd American Legion Post #20 in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Among some of his favorite things were most definitely music, singing and playing his guitar. His love for his family and friends were beyond measure. Preceding him in death are his parents; Dalton and Retha Armstrong; and brother, Bobby Armstrong.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory; wife, Anna Lee Armstrong of 66 years; son, Clayton Armstrong and wife Toni; daughter, Tonya Bowden and husband David; sister, Charlene Ross of Mulvane, Kansas; grandchildren, Jarrod Armstrong, Kevin Armstrong and wife Memory, Ryan Bowden and wife Jennifer, Jillian Cooper and husband Levi, Amanda Napier, Melissa Laurenceau and husband Christophe, Sydni Touchet and husband Jeff and special sister in laws, Josephine Nelson and Faye Armstrong.

A visitation will be held from 1PM-6PM Sunday, October 13, 2019 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

A service celebrating Ralph's life will be 11AM Monday, October 14, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Fort Gibson with Pastor Nate Capps officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Holland Cemetery, Woodall, Oklahoma with Ryan Bowden, Kevin Armstrong, Jim Price, Transic Armstrong, Levi Cooper and Ronnie Holuby serving as casket bearers. David Bowden and Bill Chancellor will serve as honorary casket bearers. Military honors will be observed.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made in Ralph's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis Tennessee, 38105 or you may make donations online at stjude.org/donate or by calling 1-800-876-4302.

The family of Ralph Dale Armstrong has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555
Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Woodall, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **13**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 E Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph D Armstrong*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Eunice Brown Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph D Armstrong*



Eunice Brown Family - October 12, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Clifford Garrett - October 11, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph D Armstrong.*



October 11, 2019 at 08:19 AM

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“ I will miss my little neighbor and friend tremendously. Mr. Armstrong has always been a part of my life. He was always so kind and so loving and always grew the best pears around!! Go rest on High, Mr. Armstrong, your work here is done. Much love and prayers to The Armstrong's.

Leisha Downey - October 09, 2019 at 04:38 PM

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“ Edie Sevier lit a candle in memory of Ralph D Armstrong



Edie Sevier - October 09, 2019 at 11:28 AM

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“ My heart breaks for this wonderful family. Ralph always had a smile and so polite, such a good man! Praying that God will give you strength, comfort, peace, surround you in his loving arms especially during this very difficult time. Love and hugs to each of you!

Edie Sevier - October 09, 2019 at 11:27 AM

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“*Mr. Armstrong was one of the finest men I've ever known. As Clayton and I were growing up there were days he might have been better off he had drowned us but he didn't he handled us as a daddy to Clayton and a dear friend to me. But we knew not to do that again. Clayton and Tonya your dad and family is so dear to me. He will be missed so much but don't dwell on missing him as much as you do remembering the good times with him for the memories will last a life time. Just the thought of what great man he was and you guys got to call him "DAD"*

Billy White - October 09, 2019 at 10:56 AM