



Ralph Allen Thompson

February 15, 1925 - November 14, 2022

Ralph Allen Thompson, 97, of Fort Gibson, was born February 15, 1925, in Tonkawa, OK to Henry and Dixie (Bean) Thompson and peacefully passed away Monday, November 14, 2022, at his home, with his loving family by his side. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving in World War II and was honorably discharged. Ralph reenlisted in the United States Army on January 29, 1949 and served in Korea and was honorably discharged on June 17, 1952. Following his service to our country, Ralph went to work for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft as an airline mechanic and retired after 20 years of service. Ralph met and married the love of his life Helen Morgan on May 11, 1952, in Fort Gibson. She preceded him in death on February 16, 2016. He was a lifelong member of the Fort Gibson First Baptist Church, Frank Gladd American Legion Post #20, and the Alpha 12 Masonic Lodge in Fort Gibson.

After retirement, continuing his solid work ethic, Ralph and Helen purchased and operated Steveson LP Gas Company for 20 years. He then drove a semi-truck containing Corning Glass products for 8 years and drove a bus route for Wonderland Pre-School until 2013. Ralph enjoyed watching his grandkids and great grandkids play sports with the Fort Gibson Tigers and other school activities, watching his favorite, OU football and baseball teams play. He loved listening to Bluegrass music and traveling. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Thompson; mother, Dixie Smith; father, Henry Thompson; brothers, Robert Thompson, Richard Smith, and Harvey Smith; and a sister,

Eula Ezell. Ralph is survived by his daughter, Linda Troutt and husband, Dale; granddaughter, Lisa Walkingstick and husband, Robby; grandson, Dale Troutt, Jr., and wife Shelby; great-grandchildren, Destini Walkingstick, Nathan Walkingstick and fiancé, Austyn Rice, Aubree Walkingstick and fiancé, Caden Goss, Cody Walkingstick and girlfriend, Kenzie Snell, Turner Troutt, Rielee Achtemier and fiancé, Keyton Pflingston, Eliana Garcia, Evelyn Garcia, Hailee Rosson and Paislee Rosson; extended children, Sherry McPherson, Kirk Poplin and Linda Milton; sister, Lillian Weiman, sister in law, Wanda Manasco; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. The family would like to give a special thank you to Hetherle Cantrell, Susan Hogle and all of his very kind caregivers through the years. A visitation will be Monday, November 21, 2022, from 12PM-7PM with family receiving friends from 5PM-7PM at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. A celebration of Ralph's life will be held 1PM, Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Fort Gibson First Baptist Church with Pastor Dewayne Thompson and Tim Smith officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Dale Troutt, Jr., Robby Walkingstick, Nathan Walkingstick, Cody Walkingstick, Kirk Poplin, Arvil Morgan and John Snelson serving as casket bearers. Bryan Rainbolt, Larry Glenn and Steve McPherson will serve as honorary casket bearers. Military honors will be observed. The family of Ralph Allen Thompson has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 21. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

NOV 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
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Celebration of Life

NOV 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 E Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Committal Service

NOV **22**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Allen Thompson*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear Ralph passed away. I can remember them following us to all the ball tournaments. He was a wonderful man!* ♡

Tara Mabry Cypert - November 23, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *We were raised by parents of the greatest generation that abided by the principles of hard work, generosity, humility and grace your father exhibited throughout his long life. What a life he lived and what great service he gave to his community, family and country. Even though he wished to be a pilot in his early years, he became an incredible example, supportive team member and mentor to many pilots known and unknown to him. His intuitive knowledge and gifted hands supported the mechanics necessary and essential to their flights. As a wife of a retired military aviator, I have heard countless stories and have witnessed the deep respect and bond that pilots have of these dedicated professionals. They depended upon and respected one another in ways often unimagined. Mr. Thompson achieved so much more than the education he desired by living such a honorable and remarkable life. Many heartfelt sympathies and much love to Linda, her family and friends.* Carolyn Cahoon Watts

Carolyn Watts - November 21, 2022 at 07:52 AM

DT

“ I was saddened to hear of Ralph's passing and yet joyous for him that he gets to go home! We will meet again my brother. Thanks for love, encouragement and support when I had the joy of being your pastor.

Dwayne Thompson

Dwayne Thompson - November 20, 2022 at 07:23 AM

JH

“ James Harris lit a candle in memory of Ralph Thompson



James Harris - November 17, 2022 at 08:54 PM

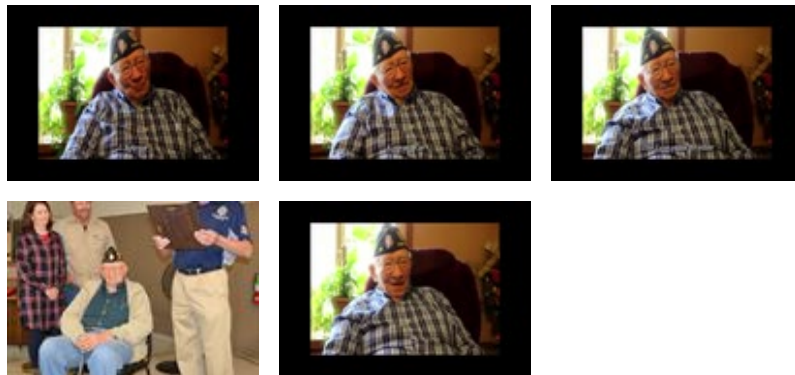
EH

“ Linda, I will always look for your Dad sitting in his corner on the back seat at church with that wonderful smile !!

Elaine Henderson - November 17, 2022 at 06:45 PM



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Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - November 17, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - November 17, 2022 at 12:36 PM

JJ

“ *Jeanette And Joe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Allen Thompson.*



Jeanette And Joe - November 16, 2022 at 10:52 AM

JJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. Ralph was such a good man! Loved by all who knew him! Loved he and Helen so much! Prayers for you all. Joe and Jeanette*

Jeanette and Joe - November 16, 2022 at 10:46 AM

ES

“ *So sorry to hear of Ralph passing. He used to deliver our propane years ago. A very nice guy. Condolences to all the family.*

Eddie Sevier - November 15, 2022 at 01:21 PM