



Bob L. Cathey

July 20, 1931 - November 16, 2018

Bob L. Cathey, 87, of Muskogee, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2018. He was born July 20, 1931, the youngest of three children, to Clarence and Alma Cathey, in the family home, at Elm Grove. Bob graduated from Checotah High School with the class of 1949. After graduation, he enlisted in The US Air Force and was stationed in Germany. While on leave, he married the love of his life, Bobbie Ruth Martin, on June 07, 1952; a marriage that lasted 55 years until her passing.

In 1957, they moved to Muskogee and planted their lives at Eastern Heights Baptist Church, where he was baptized and remained a faithful Christian for over 60 years serving as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

After receiving his degree from OSU Tech in heating and air in 1957, he founded Cathey Air Conditioning; serving Muskogee and the surrounding area until 1995, when it was sold.

In 2008, Bob was reunited with longtime friend, Shirley Mae Wade, and was blessed to find love again. They were married July 12, 2008. They shared over 10 years of joy and happiness together, traveling and spending time with family and close friends.

Bob was preceded in death by Bobbie and daughter Cola Ann Cathey, parents, C.D. and Alma Cathey, and brother, Gale Cathey.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife, Shirley, daughter and son-in-law,

Kimberly and Darrell Yates, Shirley's daughters and son-in-laws, Sandy and Rev. Tom Vann, and Pam and Terry Miller. Pap-Paw will be missed by Austin and Jessica Yates, their girls, Rilynn, Kynnli, and Aubrie, Zach Yates, and Jordan Yates. Also surviving are sister, Galene Dunham, brother and sister in law, Rick and Gaila Martin, nieces, Sally and Don Heighton and Michaela, Betsy Dunham, Andrea and Johnny Holley, Aven and Wes. Johna and Randy Rains, and Meagan French. Nephews, Brenden, Trenten, and Landren Martin, James and Victoria Long, Matt French, and Jeremiah Freeman, Larry Cathey, Jerry Cathey, and Gary Cathey.

The Family will receive friends, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 at Cornerstone Funeral Home. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Eastern Heights Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, at 10:00 am at Eastern Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Darren Wallace and Rev. Bobby Smith, officiating. Interment to follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, in Checotah, OK with full military honors. Pallbearers will be Darrell Yates, Austin Yates, Zach Yates, Rick Martin, Rev. Tom Vann, and Terry Miller. Honorary Pallbearers are Dean Hayes, James Pruitt, Jerry Hill, Sam Lane, Rev. David Kelly, and Bill Yates.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Family Visitation

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Service

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Eastern Heights Baptist Church
2401 Haskell Blvd.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Bob L. Cathey*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Bob and some of his friends were in the donut shop on Gibson where they met regularly. Walking in to purchase some donuts I saw Bob. A client and friend. They were all looking at something. Curious, I walked over and after greetings I asked what is special your looking at? Bob handed me the picture. First thing I noticed was the car. He asked, ain't it a beaut? I said she is, when did you buy her? Bob looking a little bewildered I figured I did something wrong. Then he said, no Greg, the lady, her name is Shirley and we are engaged.*

Yes Bob, you picked a beaut.

Greg Gaither

Sorry I can't attend but praying for the family in this celebration of a wonderful life

Greg Gaither - November 25, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Bob L. Cathey.*



November 24, 2018 at 11:07 AM

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“ *Paul Oman*

Nov 24, 2018

Bob was a life long mentor for me from my childhood/teenage years at Eastern Heights sharing his faith through his actions. It then moved into my adult business life in Muskogee. He offered and gave support anytime I needed it.

Paul Oman - November 24, 2018 at 06:27 AM

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“ *Bob - What a great witness to walking in faith through the years. You finished well, my brother! You and Shirley were a great team. Our condolences to you and your families. - Pastor Dan & Lee Collis.*

Dan Collis - November 21, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ *82 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 21, 2018 at 12:14 PM