



Clarence W. "C.W." Lynch

August 24, 1931 - July 9, 2016

Clarence Will Lynch

1931-2016

C. W. Lynch, a longtime resident of Warner, Oklahoma passed away at his home on Saturday, July 9, 2016, at the age of 84. He was born at Lenna, Oklahoma on August 24, 1931 to Jim and Iva Lynch. C. W. grew up in Stidham, Oklahoma and was raised by Motha and Fanny Toon of Raiford, Oklahoma. He graduated from Stidham High School and received a scholarship to Connors State College to play basketball. While attending Connors, he became their first All American in Connors history in 1952. C. W. continued his education at East Texas State University and he became an NAIA All American in 1955 as well as leading the ESTU to their first National Championship.

On May 28, 1955, Clarence married the love of his life, Mary Jean Jones of Greggton, Texas and they spent 61 wonderful years together. After marriage to Jean, C. W. enlisted in the Army at Ft. Lee, Virginia from 1955 to 1957.

Clarence later started his coaching career as a High School Basketball Coach in Dustin, Oklahoma. He taught on an Indian reservation in Zuni, New Mexico before returning to Connors State College in 1961 as the head basketball and assistant football coach. In 1971, he started the first tennis program at Connors and in 1985 he started the softball program. Clarence coached at Connors for 33 years before retiring in 1993.

Clarence would tell you that he lived a wonderful life and was fortunate

enough in his lifetime to have been given many honors. As mentioned before, he was named All American In 1952 and again in 1955. In 1995, he was inducted into the East Texas Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2003, he was given a Lifetime Service Achievement and inducted into the Connors College Alumni Friends Hall of Fame. In 2004, his national championship team was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at East Texas University. In 2006, Connors College retired basketball jersey #12 that was worn by Clarence.

In 2007-2008, the hospitality room at Melvin Self fieldhouse at Connors College was named in his honor, and in 2013, he was inducted into the Connors Hall of Fame. Clarence was a longtime member and deacon of the Warner First Baptist Church and some of his best times were being with his grandchildren, fishing, gardening, and taking care of his cattle.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Jim Lynch and Iva Davis, and Motha and Fanny Toon; brother, Ray Lynch; sister, Lucille Holmes; and two great nephews, Nathan Lynch and Dallen McKinney.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of the home; two sons, Steven Lynch and wife Kandy, and Keven Lynch; two grandchildren, Kruz Lynch and Shea Lynch, all of Muskogee; five sisters, Carolyn Fowler, Nettie McKinney, Lavern McKinney, Lillian Krider, and Ethel Dodson; one brother, Sammy Davis, all of California.

Clarence's extended Toon family includes a multitude of cousins; Shirley James of Muskogee, Paulette Martin of Ketchum, Paul Grant Toon of Guymon and Becky Hale of Tulsa; as well as an extended host of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral services honoring Clarence's life will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at the Connors State College Gymnasium with Pastor Sam Dunn officiating. Interment will follow at Warner Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Steve Salmon, Chuck Smithson, Paul McCrary, Bill Muse, Perry Keith, Mike Jackson, Mark Calavan, and Luther Martin. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Bailes, Charles McGrew, Ken Baird, Bob Kirhn, Paul West, Joe Cash, Don Carlton, Ed Hardman, Monty Madewell, Leo Smithson, Kruz Lynch, Ron

Jones, Raymond Jones Jr, Randy Jones, Kenny Ray Lynch, Tim Lynch,
Trevor Embey, Jerimiah Lincoln, and Keven Lynch.

The family requests memorials be made to Connors State College
Foundation, 700 College Rd, Warner, OK, 74469-2204.

Cemetery Details

Warner Memorial Cemetery

Warner, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Family Visitation

JUL 12. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Student Union Ballroom @ Connors State College
700 College Rd
Warner, OK 74469

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence W. "C.W." Lynch

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ My daddy Jerry Smith used to play ball with this family. I will never forget as a little girl the impact they had on my life. Heaven is getting sweeter and sweeter!

Lyndee Hamlin - July 12, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Clarence W. "C.W." Lynch.



July 12, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ Coach lynch, sorry to here about the passing of your dad. We all remember all the fun we had with your folks on the trip to Arizona in 2008 with the Beggs baseball team and seeing him at all the ball games when Timmy played for you at Beggs. Had lots of fun and enjoyed visiting with your folks. Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Loving memory, Dale, Teresa, Timmy, Tricia, and Blaine Buttram. Mounds, OK.

Teresa buttram - July 12, 2016 at 01:09 PM

RF

“ Raymond and Rita Jones & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Clarence W. "C.W." Lynch.



Raymond and Rita Jones & family - July 12, 2016 at 11:56 AM

LS

“ I remember him from Connors back in the 70's. A very well respected teacher, coach, and person. My heart goes out to the family.

Linda Satterfield - July 12, 2016 at 11:50 AM

GF

I have lots of memories but in Jr. High Clarence was our head official and after one play he tapped me on the shoulder and said Gary tell number 70 to stop holding .It was one of the few times in my life I felt like I was important . All he did was pat me on the back !

Gary Funburg - July 14, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes

LOVE STORY
is beautiful
but OURS is
my Favorite.



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 12, 2016 at 11:25 AM

RJ

“ We knew him as Uncle Chub. Always fun to be around. Shocked to hear of his passing.
Sad to know someone who so enjoyed life and family pass away.
He's in Gods loving care now.

Raymond Jones (nephew)
Dickson TN

Raymond Jones - July 12, 2016 at 10:50 AM