



## Duke Blackwell

December 17, 1948 - April 21, 2023

Duke Blackwell, 74, of Muskogee, OK passed away on Friday, April 21, 2023. He was born on December 17, 1948 to Bob and Cathryn (Sullins) Blackwell in Muskogee, OK. He attended public school, graduating from Muskogee Central High School in 1967. Duke enlisted in the US Air Force in December of 1967. He proudly served his country as a ground radio controller until January of 1973. After being honorably discharged he attended Northeastern State University where he obtained his bachelor's degree in accounting and business.

Duke, a well-known Muskogee businessman, was a proud Muskogee Rougher, and a diehard Saint Louis Cardinals fan. He enjoyed fishing, taking long drives in his infamous Monte Carlo, shopping a good sale, and the thrill of auctions and estate sales. Duke was described as the fun, cool dad to friends and boyfriends his daughters often brought home. Duke took pride in how he dressed and was always dressed to the nine's, sporting the latest fashion.

Duke loved his family deeply. He loved his dinner dates and auctions with his brother Loren, mom Cathryn, and sister-in-law CC Lucas. He loved his mom's chicken and dumplings and her famous coconut cream pie.

Duke loved his three daughters with all his heart. His wit and sense of humor

would always make them smile. He loved watching his first granddaughter, Brookelyn (Brookie) play softball and was so proud of her and her accomplishments. He loved watching Ike and was fascinated with the way Ike loved numbers. He loved all of his grandkids and often said Pappy was his favorite title.

Duke loved to laugh, had a quick wit, enjoyed his morning cappuccino and donuts, had a sweet tooth, and loved to listen to loud music on his many long drives.

Duke touched many lives in his 74 years. He will be deeply missed by his family, his three daughters, and all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bob Blackwell; grandparents, Mamie and Bill Sullins; Birdie and Quantrell Blackwell.

He is survived by his mother, Cathryn Blackwell; brother, Loren Blackwell; sister-in-law, CC Lucas all of Muskogee, OK; daughters, Tonya and Kevin Heath of Broken Arrow, Brenda Gilmore of Muskogee, OK, Becca and Seth Littrell of Westlake, TX; grandchildren, Ike Heath, Brookelyn Gilmore, Tripp Littrell and Elle Littrell; and a host of other family members and friends.

Visitation for Duke will be 9AM-8PM, Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Cornerstone Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 5PM-7PM, Wednesday, April 26, 2023 as well.

A celebration of Duke's life will be 12:30PM, Friday, April 28, 2023 at Cornerstone Funeral Home with Mr. Donnie Jones officiating. The interment will take place at Fort Gibson National Cemetery prior to the service at 10AM that same day. Serving as pallbearers will be Loren Blackwell, Donnie Jones, Stephen Smalley, Bill Craig, Rickey Ary, and Jim Winner.

The family wishes to thank East Gate Village and Hometown Hospice for the outstanding care they provided for Duke in his final days.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME  
1830 N York St  
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

## Family to greet friends

APR **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME  
1830 N York St  
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

## Interment

APR **28.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK

## Service

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APR **28**. 12:30 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME  
1830 N York St  
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Duke Blackwell*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I first met Larry in tech school at Kessler AFB in Biloxi Miss and then met up again on the tarmac at Travis AFB in California were both assigned to the First Mob at Clark AB Republic of the Philippines we spent 15 months together as roommates we both received the Philippine Presidential Citation for our part with the Marines and Navy in typhoon relief of Naga City we flew back to San Francisco then on to Dallas he took a flight to Muskogee and I to Nashville it was the last time I saw or talked to him something I regret he was a Veteran and a good friend will never forget him RIP*

**Mike Marlin** - July 26, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *It's always sad to see when we have lost another Central High School Classmate. Dear family of Duke, May God help ease your grief.*

**Linda Lawson Prater** - April 27, 2023 at 11:31 PM



“ *I Linda (McKenzie) Johnson went to Central High with Duke. He was a great guy and will be missed by many.*

**Linda Johnson** - April 27, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duke Blackwell.*

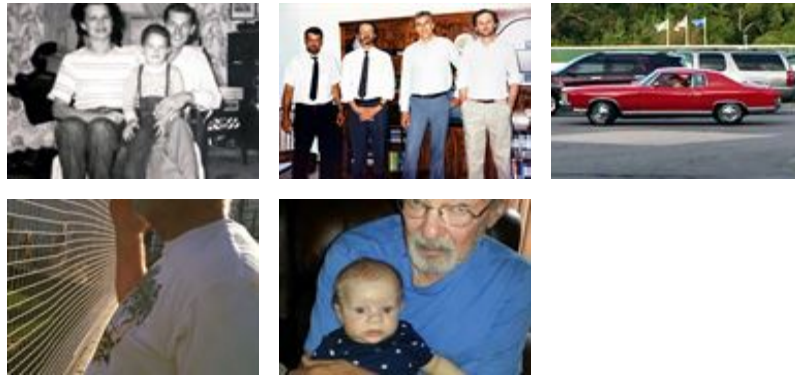


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April 26, 2023 at 07:58 PM



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - April 26, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Duke Blackwell.*



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April 26, 2023 at 06:36 AM

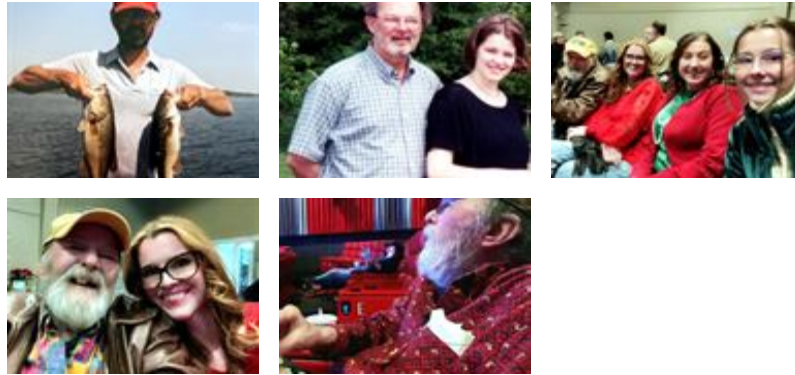


“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Duke Blackwell.

April 25, 2023 at 09:25 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 25, 2023 at 11:00 AM

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*To the three daughters of Duke Blackwell: I know you miss your daddy and you will forever. Time will ease your pain of loss and memories will keep him alive in your hearts.*

*If there is a memory to remember for me, is seeing your daddy and that bright red car buzzing around town!! I hope to see someone driving it one day also buzzing around town. My deepest condolences to all the family and prayers for a peaceful heart and mind for each of you. 🙏🙏*



Peggy Gilliam - April 26, 2023 at 01:09 AM

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“ *Dana Wheeler sent a virtual gift in memory of Duke Blackwell*



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**Dana Looper Wheeler** - April 25, 2023 at 03:41 AM

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“ *Dana Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Duke Blackwell*



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**Dana Looper Wheeler** - April 25, 2023 at 03:39 AM