



Earl Garrison

May 24, 1941 - June 10, 2019

Former Senator Earl Garrison passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Muskogee to go to his heavenly home on Monday morning, June 10, 2019.

He was born May 24, 1941 to Earl and Alta (Tidwell) Garrison in Muskogee. Earl married the Light in his Life, Faye, on February 14, 1997 in Muskogee. They shared 22 years of love, laughter, friendship, opinionated discussions (which Earl left thinking he won), and their passion for Education. They were a strong "team".

Earl attended Muskogee Schools his whole life and graduated in 1959. He then went on to attend Bacone College for two years and received his Bachelor's Degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University in 1963, Master's Degree in Education from NEOSU in 1968, and his PHD in Education from the University of Oklahoma in 1976. He started his Education career in Del City, Oklahoma, became Head Boys Basketball Coach at Rose State College, worked at the Oklahoma State Department of Education for several years in many departments. He went on to move back to Muskogee to become Superintendent of Fort Gibson Public Schools. After several years loving his tenure at Fort Gibson he became the Superintendent of Indian Capital Technology Center where he retired in 2004 after 40+ years in education. Over the years he won many local and state honors in education, and he would always in an humble way say, "I was just doing what I loved with talented teachers who made me look good with one common goal and that

was to help every student get the best possible education." He made a difference in thousands of students' lives!

Earl Garrison was not finished. He went on to become State Senator where he could continue to serve the citizens of District 9 from 2004- 2016.

Earl loved God, his family and friends, attending grandchildren events, his ranching and cattle, his country, Public Education and helping the under-privileged. He was a warrior and Champion of the cause when it came to any of these. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muskogee and co-taught their Sunday School class with Chris Condley.

While Superintendent of Fort Gibson he was one of the founders of Muskogee Area Education Consortium. He was an active member of several civic organizations with the Lion's Club being the most recent. He was a member of the Masonic Shrine Temple in Muskogee. He loved people and greeted everyone with a smile and a hand shake or hug. You always knew when Dr. Garrison entered a room because people just gravitated to him. He was loved and respected by everyone that knew him.

Earl was honored to serve his country in the Air Force Reserves from 1963-1969.

Earl is survived by his wife Faye Garrison of the home; his son, Chad (Candace) Garrison, Oologah; daughter, Jessica Garrison, Owasso; son/nephew, Luke (Amy) Cain and two daughters, Phoenix, Arizona; step-son, Jason(Jackie) Sternberger; step-daughter, Julie Sternberger, Ada; his grandchildren, Kelsey, Grace, Matthew, Josh Garrison, Oologah, Avery, Faith, Jakob Tilley, Jace, Jett, Jax Sternberger, Kingfisher; brothers, John (Sue) Garrison, Eldorado, Arkansas, Larry (Barbara) Garrison, Muskogee; sisters-in-law, Carol Mote, Woodward, Sue (Curtis) Diel, Enid; mother of his children, Jenny Garrison, Oologah; special friend, Suzy (Stan) Harris; along with a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Earl and Alta Garrison; brother, George Garrison; sister and brother-in-law, Laura and Lloyd Young; father and mother-in-law, Manford and Margaret Jenkinson; and brother-in-

law, Duane Mote.

Memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Association and First Baptist Church Education Department in Muskogee.

The family will receive friends from 2-4PM, Sunday, June 16, 2019 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral service celebrating Earl's life will be 10AM, Monday, June 17, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Muskogee with Dr. Johnny Derouen and Chaplain Bill Crow officiating. A private family interment will follow. Pallbearers will be John Parker, Tim Moxley, Dave Howe, Matthew Garrison, Josh Garrison, Jace Sternberger, Jett Sternberger, and Jax Sternberger. Honorary pallbearers will be Kelsey Garrison, Grace Garrison, Avery Tilley, Faith Tilley, and Jakob Tilley.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
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Visitation

JUN 15. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUN 16. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

JUN 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JUN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee
111 S. 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Garrison*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My parents, Wayne and Delores Cheek, thought a lot of Earl. My Mom talked about taking classes with Earl at Bacone College with fond memories. My Dad enjoyed the travels with Earl to look at cattle and the conversations they had. My prayers are with the family during this time. Ellen (Cheek) Street*

Ellen Street - June 17, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ *Old son is the name I gave Earl, I have the Honor to say Earl was my best friend. We met on The Irving school play grounds, in Muskogee in 1950, we were in the third grade. we were best Friends every since. Praying for the Garrison family
You made it OLD SON
Jerry Gragg*

Jerry L Gragg - June 16, 2019 at 08:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Garrison.*



June 15, 2019 at 09:08 AM

KC

“ *Earl was such a dynamic presence in education, regardless of the position he held. The children of Oklahoma have long been the beneficiaries of his work! Endless appreciation, Earl.* ”

Kaylin Coody - June 14, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Earl Garrison.* ”



June 14, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Garrison.* ”



June 13, 2019 at 08:29 PM



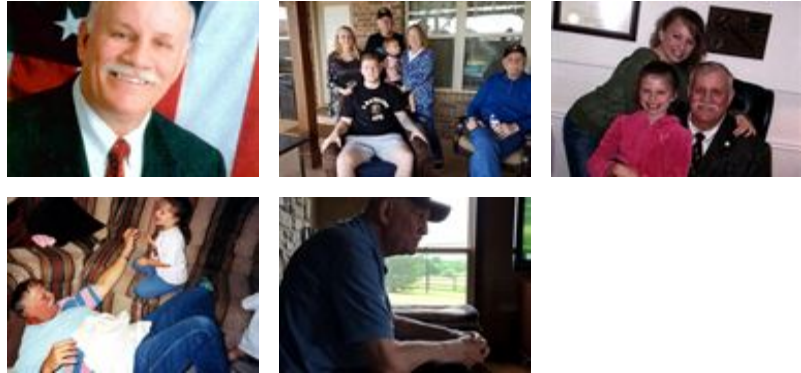
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Garrison.* ”



June 13, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 13, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ I had the Honor and Privilege of getting to know Earl Garrison though Muskogee County Lions Club. He truly had a passion to educate children and give back to others. Praying for your family.



Tara Bennett - June 13, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 13, 2019 at 12:41 PM

YC

“ You friends at CCOSA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Earl Garrison.



You friends at CCOSA - June 13, 2019 at 11:41 AM

LR

“ Mr. GARRISON WAS MY CIVICS TEACHER IN 8TH GRADE AT DEL CREST JR HIGH. A GREAT TEACHER AND MAN!

*Leon Rippee
Del City Chief of Police Ret.*

Leon Rippee - June 13, 2019 at 06:48 AM

FB

“ It was an honor to serve with Sen. Garrison. He was a good friend as well as a fellow senator. His Wed. morning devotionals were especially enjoyed and enriched our friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Former Sen Don and Jennifer Barrington - June 12, 2019 at 03:13 PM

ES

“ Eastern Oklahoma Oral Surgery purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Earl Garrison.



Eastern Oklahoma Oral Surgery - June 12, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Garrison.*



June 12, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ *Connors State College purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Earl Garrison.*



Connors State College - June 12, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ *Regina Mayfield lit a candle in memory of Earl Garrison*



Regina Mayfield - June 12, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ *Sheryl Hardcastle lit a candle in memory of Earl Garrison*



Sheryl Hardcastle - June 11, 2019 at 07:00 PM

HC

“ I have known Earl since the 9th grade when we both enrolled in FFA. The Garrison family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Homer Cobb - June 11, 2019 at 05:52 PM

HC

“ Homer Cobb lit a candle in memory of Earl Garrison



Homer Cobb - June 11, 2019 at 05:48 PM

MR

“ Margaret Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Earl Garrison



Margaret Ramsey - June 11, 2019 at 10:39 AM

EB

“ Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Earl Garrison



Eunice Brown - June 10, 2019 at 07:36 PM