



## Ernest Harland Cowles, Jr

September 24, 1950 - July 10, 2016

Ernest Harland Cowles Jr, 65, a longtime Muskogee, Oklahoma resident, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2016. He was born September 24, 1950 in Muskogee to Ernest H Cowles Sr and Betty Lou Campbell Cowles. Ernest attended Muskogee Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1969. He joined the United States Army and proudly served his country during Vietnam from which he became disabled. Ernest received an Honorable discharge in 1971 after 2 years, 9 months, and 14 days of military service.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Cowles Sr; mother, Betty Lou Smart; and his brother, John Smart.

Ernest is survived by his brothers, James Cowles of Muskogee and Luke Cowles of Big Cabin, OK; sons, Ernest Cowles of Stillwater, OK; Jay Cowles and wife Alychia of Okmulgee, OK, Eric Cowles and wife Delilia, and Ethan Cowles, all of OKC, OK; niece, Dolly Cowles of Mt. Juliet, TN; granddaughters, Vanessa Cowles of OKC, OK and Athalia Cowles of Stillwater, OK; grandsons, Haden Cowles of OKC, OK, Jayce Cowles of Okmulgee, OK, Kason Cowles of Okmulgee, OK, and Ben Cowles of Stillwater, OK; great grandson, Dominic Cowles of OKC, OK; along with other family members and friends.

Funeral services for Ernest will be 9:30 a.m., Friday, July 15, 2016 at Cornerstone Funeral Home with Rev. Donnie Echols officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Military Honors being presented. Serving as pallbearers will be James Cowles, Eric Cowles, Ernest Cowles,

Jay Cowles, Haden Cowles, and Ethan Cowles. Honorary pallbearer will be Luke Cowles.

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JUL **14.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUL **15.** 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ernest Harland Cowles, Jr*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My Dearest Harley, I have nothing but good memories of you.. You were certainly my hero on more than one occasion. You are my daughter's Godfather and she adores you and always has. You were comical yet probably the toughest cookie I've ever known. I know about your heroics in Vietnam and they sound just like you. I've never known you to back down from anything or anyone. I know how much you love your boys and they were the biggest part of your being. May your family find peace in knowing you were a good man who always stood up for what you believed , that was always your greatest quality yet sometimes your biggest downfall. We love you, Harley, may God hold you close and show you the Peace that you sometimes lacked in this lifetime. Rest in peace forevermore our dear friend.*

*Our Love Always,  
Clara Meeks and Kim Meeker*

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