



Forrest L. "Frosty" Caldwell

November 6, 1928 - December 24, 2019

Forrest Lee Caldwell (Frosty), 91, of Muskogee, was born November 6, 1928 in Cedar County, MO to James and Ella Caldwell. He died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in Muskogee, with family by his side.

Forrest was one of twelve children to James and Ella Caldwell. He attended and graduated from Nevada High School where he met the love of his life, Iva L. Hendrix. They were united in marriage on April 8, 1949 and after 60 years of marriage their love for one another never faltered. They had two children, Sandra Wood of Muskogee and Gene Caldwell of Fort Gibson. They moved their family to Muskogee in August, 1961 to open up the Karbe's/Piggly Wiggly grocery store. He retired from Walkers Grocery Store. He joined the Marine Corps on June 19, 1953 where he was ranked a Sergeant. During his service he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He also was the only bonded soldier to transfer Federal money. He was honorably discharged from the United States Marines Corps on December 19, 1959. In high school, he lettered in track and continued to be an active runner throughout his life. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He followed his kids and grandkids to all of their sporting events and was their biggest cheerleader. He loved to refinish furniture and help his daughter, Sandy with estate sales. He also liked to help her when she had her consignment store. Forrest was a faithful member of the Fort Gibson Church of Christ and loved his church family. Frosty never met a stranger and would talk their ears off.

Forrest was preceded in death by his wife, Iva Caldwell; his parents, James and Ella Caldwell; his siblings; his son Gene Caldwell; and son-in-law, Ron Wood.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandy Wood of the home; daughter-in-law, Kay Lynn Caldwell of Ft. Gibson; eleven grandchildren, Amber Elkins, Scott Caldwell and wife Courtney, Andy Caldwell and wife Meagan, Richard Caldwell and wife Missy, Shelli Jiles and husband Michael, Shari Lewis, Shelly Hitt and husband Mike; 17 great grandchildren, Trevor Jiles and wife Lane, Allie Jiles, Peyton Burnham, Savannah Caldwell, Addison Caldwell, Ava Elkins, Mia Hauck, Makenna Caldwell, Courtney Lewis, Jack Lewis and wife Ciara, Kay Leigh Webb and husband Jesse, Haley Hitt, Andrew Hitt, and Jake Hitt; he also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Muskogee War Memorial Park-USS Batfish at: <https://warmemorialpark.org/>.

A celebration of Forrest's life will be 10:30AM, Monday, December 30, 2019 at Fort Gibson Church of Christ with Deacon Henry Petree and Minister Dan Rouse officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Andrew Caldwell, Scott Caldwell, Richard Caldwell, Michael Jiles, Trevor Jiles and Jack Lewis serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Steehler and Benny Garland.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 28. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

DEC 29. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson Church Of Christ
806 S. Lee St.
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Forrest L. "Frosty" Caldwell*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Sandy, I'm sorry for your loss. Frosty was such a wonderful man.*

Nancy Wiggins - December 31, 2019 at 05:07 PM



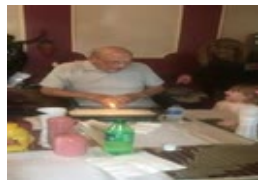
“ *I have known Frosty all of my life. My family shopped at Weddle's Grocery on the west side. I even got to work with him when it became John's. It was such a great person. I remember him always smiling. He will be greatly missed.*

Nickie Murry

Nickie Murry - December 28, 2019 at 02:20 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - December 27, 2019 at 06:18 PM

LJ

“ Dear Caldwell Family - I'm Linda Johnson who was at your home for the Christmas Home Tour. I have known Frosty many years ago when I worked for the CPA office that did Walkers Superette Books. It was nice to visit with him at the Home Tour. I am so very sorry to read of his passing. He will be missed by so many.

With my deepest sympathy - Linda (McKenzie) Johnson

Linda Johnson - December 27, 2019 at 04:27 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - December 27, 2019 at 02:53 PM

SB

“ Frosty was our favorite person years ago when we took our children to shop at Walkers' Grocery Store. He made the kids feel important and was so friendly to all of us. He was a wonderful man and remembered so fondly! We are thankful we know he is with His Heavenly Father. God's blessings to all of his family.

Sandra Beattie - December 27, 2019 at 12:57 PM

PC

I met Frosty Dad...through Sandy and Ron...approx..10 years ago....he truly touched my heart... With his loving personality...and sharp mind ..he was a very kind and very knowledgeable man...always something to share...he will truly be missed....my heart breaks for you Sandy and the entire family and loved ones...i am sorry I'm not able to attend the his live celebration due to physical difficulty...but please know ..i am there in heart...and may the Lord lift you up ..for one day we will. All be united in heaven where time never ends....Patty dye Curtis...

Patty dye Curtis - December 30, 2019 at 07:24 AM