



Frank David Werntz

September 1, 1930 - March 24, 2026

Frank David Werntz passed away on March 24, 2026. He was born in 1930 to Leon Everett Werntz and Catherine Electa (Rice) Werntz in Fort Smith, AR.

He was surprised and pleased to attain over 95 years of life.

Frank attended public school in Fort Smith, joining the band in elementary school. His primary instrument was Horn. He graduated from Fort Smith High School in 1948, then attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, AR where he was a proud member of the marching band, studied accounting, and joined Air Force ROTC. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

After graduation, Frank entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant stationed in Kinston, NC for pilot training. In August 1952, he married the love of his life, Lucy Ann Gregg. He was briefly stationed in Enid, OK, then reassigned to Atlanta, GA area to train on multi-engine planes. In late 1953, Frank traveled alone to his next assignment in Japan and spent a year overseas.

After leaving the Air Force, Frank and Lucy settled in Fort Smith, AR where he initially worked in management at Bennett Furniture Company then later at Hunt's Department Store. During their time in Fort Smith, they welcomed three daughters to their family: Cathy, Susan, and Rebecca. In 1964, the family moved to Denison, TX, where he worked in management at Madden's Department Store. While in Denison, they welcomed their son, David, to the family. In 1968, his father-in-law, Robert W. Gregg, opened Gregg's Department Store in Muskogee, OK and the family moved to Muskogee.

Frank worked in management at Gregg's and Lucy operated the children's department. Frank transitioned to insurance sales in 1973, then later he worked as an Actuarial Consultant with his brother, Leon, to establish a branch of Werntz & Associates in Muskogee. Frank earned many certifications in pension plan administration, and later established his own company, Frank Werntz & Associates. He continued this career until he retired in his 70s. During his life, he was a member of Rotary Club, and became a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. Frank was a lifelong Methodist and a member of Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Muskogee, OK.

Frank and Lucy shared almost 69 years of marriage, raising four children. They valued family time, spending holidays together, and taking family vacations. Later in life, Frank and Lucy traveled as a couple before Lucy passed away in 2021. They traveled by car, plane, or cruise ship to visit Hawaii, California, Branson, MO, New York City, Alaska, Maine, Mexico, the Panama Canal, Great Brittain, France, and Russia.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents, Catherine and Leon Werntz, his brother Leon Erwin Werntz, his sister Anna Marie (Werntz) LaChance, his wife Lucy Ann (Gregg) Werntz, his daughter Rebecca (Werntz) Jackson, and his grandson Joshua Robert Gorton.

Frank is survived by his daughter Cathy (Werntz) Anthis and her husband Stan Anthis of Muskogee, OK, daughter Susan Werntz Gorton of Oklahoma City, OK, son-in-law Rick Jackson of Moore, OK, and son David Werntz and his wife Bonnie Robb of Altadena, CA; 6 grandchildren: Sarah Gorton, Laura (Gorton) Thompson and husband Bryan Thompson, Karen (Anthis) Faszold and husband Jeremy Faszold, Kevin Anthis and wife Jessica (Tipton) Anthis, Kristen Anthis, Carla (Anthis) Jon and husband Ethan Jon; 11 great-grandchildren: Xander Brock, Joshua Thompson, Spencer Thompson, Elliot Anthis, Elloise Anthis, Everett Anthis, and Ellaine Anthis, Fredrick Faszold, Priscilla Faszold, Theodore Faszold, and Adelaide Jon.

A celebration of Frank's life will be 10AM, Monday, April 6, 2026 at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Rev. Dylan Ward officiating. Interment will follow

at Greenhill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Visitation

APR 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Service

APR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2130 W Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt condolences. It was good to see everyone, even under such difficult circumstances . Keeping you all in my thoughts.*
Gary Werntz

Gary Werntz - April 06 at 02:06 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family! Linda Becker, daughter of Catherine Schumacher Becker, Granddaughter of Anna Rice*

Linda - April 04 at 02:58 PM

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“ *From Steve & Karin Loyola planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank David Werntz.*

From Steve & Karin Loyola - April 03 at 08:11 AM

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“ *From Steve & Karin Loyola purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank David Werntz.*



From Steve & Karin Loyola - April 03 at 08:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Television Shows of Frank Werntz's Life

- "Murder She Wrote"
- "Love Boat"
- "I Love Lucy"
- "Bewitched"
- "I Dream of Jeannie"
- "Gangster"
- "Hogan's Men"
- "School of Hard Knocks"
- "Star Trek"

Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 02 at 06:23 PM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - April 02 at 02:31 PM



“ David and Kathy Werntz purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Frank David Werntz.



David and Kathy Werntz - April 01 at 10:11 PM

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“ Darrell Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank David Werntz.

Darrell Williams - April 01 at 10:52 AM

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“ Darrell Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frank David Werntz.



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