



## Fred G. Irving

November 11, 1927 - May 6, 2017

Fred G. Irving, 89, was born November 11, 1927 to Sam and Doffie Irving in Braggs, Oklahoma and passed from this life on May 6, 2017.

Fred grew up and attended school in Braggs. At 18 years of age he joined the U.S. Navy on January 2, 1946, thinking he might be able to serve along the side of his older brother Joe who had joined earlier. He proudly served aboard the U.S.S. Eldorado AGC-11. His ship was attached to the Pacific Fleet during WWII. He spent time in Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and the China Sea before returning home to his beloved family and hometown of Braggs.

After his return, Fred met and married Audie Menie. That union produced four children; Ronnie, Marvin, Carolyn and Roger.

After the dissolution of this marriage, he met and married on May 10, 1964, Wanda Hutchens Slape, a young widow with two children, Mike and Sherri Slape. She accepted his children and treated them just as his step father A.C. Kirk had done to him.

Fred worked on Tenkiller Dam during the time it was being built and later spent 37 years at Muskogee Iron Works from which he retired.

Fred was preceded in death by his mother and step-father, Doffie and A.C. Kirk; and his beloved brother, Joe.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Wanda; 4 sons, Ronnie Irving and wife Sharon, Marvin Irving, Roger Irving and wife Terri, and Mike Slape; 2 daughters, Carolyn Carter and husband Larry, and Sherri Weaver and husband Roy; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great

grandchild; special cousins, Bob Rolland and Richard Weatherford; and many other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family has request donation be made to South Bethel Cemetery Maintenance Fund at: 8107 S 85th E Braggs, OK 74423.

A celebration of Fred's life will be 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at South Bethel Chapel with Fred's friend, Jack Carner officiating. Interment will follow at South Bethel Cemetery with Fred's grandsons serving as pallbearers.

# Cemetery Details

## South Bethel

Braggs, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

South Bethel Chapel  
Braggs, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred G. Irving*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Wanda and all of the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Linda Satterfield*

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**Linda Satterfield** - May 10, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ *On behalf of the Braggs History Project, our sincere condolences are extended to the Irving family.*

*Fred Irving was a WWII veteran and is remembered at the Braggs Veterans Park. He answered the call of his country during a time of war and earned the thanks of a grateful nation and a grateful community.*

*With sympathy,*

*Fran Barker  
for the Braggs History Project*

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**Fran Barker** - May 08, 2017 at 10:56 AM

DC

*Sorry to hear of Fred's passing. My condolences to his family. When my brother-in-law ran the Gibble station, he would come in about every day to gab with the rest of of the guys that gathered there. For some reason we never got around to discuss in our military service. And that's too bad because we both served on the same ship, USA Eldorado AGC 11, later changed to LCC 11. I served onboard from 1966 to 1968, when it was decommissioned.*

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**Don Crum** - May 09, 2017 at 10:37 AM

PI

*“ I am sorry to hear of the death of my cousin, Freddy Gene. He and my mother were first cousins; their mothers were sisters. Fred was not only my cousin, he married my Aunt Wanda, my daddy's sister. Sincere condolences go out to his family.*

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**Pat Isbell** - May 08, 2017 at 09:58 AM

SG

*Fred's paternal grandmother came to Indian Territory in 1834. He is a descendant of Nanyehi, the last Beloved Woman of the Cherokee Nation. Fred's family was one of the earliest settlers in what is now Braggs. He was also one of three first cousins I had left. At least one of the 3 that I have known, my whole life. His passing leaves a hole in my heart. My sincere condolences to Wanda, Ronnie, Marvin, Roger, Carolyn, Sherri, Michael and all his grandchildren.*

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**Susan Gilliland** - May 08, 2017 at 07:32 PM