



## Mr. Gary B. Jackson

February 6, 1940 - October 18, 2014

Gary Bill Jackson, 74, longtime resident of Muskogee, passed away early Saturday morning, October 18, 2014. He was born February 6, 1940 in Oktaha, Oklahoma. The youngest child of Ralph and Navolia (Still) Jackson, he attended Oktaha Public Schools through the ninth grade and graduated from Central High School in Muskogee with the class of 1958 where he played the clarinet in the band.

After high school, Gary enlisted in the United States Army. During his time in the Army, Gary was a member of the 4th Division Band for 2 ½ years where he performed with his clarinet in many parades, concerts, and Army activities. In his spare time, he was a member of a combo and played the saxophone. On December 26, 1958, Gary married the love of his life, Betty Ann Elam in Muskogee. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Fort Lewis, Washington where Gary continued his service in the U.S. Army 4th Division Band. While they lived in Washington, their family was blessed with the arrival of two sons, Brian Kelly and Gary Todd. Gary and Betty enjoyed more than 55 years of happy marriage.

Upon his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, Gary worked with Goodyear in Beaumont, TX and Monsanto Chemical Company in Alvin, TX. He also attended Alvin Junior college part-time. Gary was then employed as Area Manager by Kerr McGee Corporation, which later became Sequoyah Fuels at Gore, Oklahoma for nearly 25 years. During those years, he attended Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, OK where he earned his

Bachelor's Degree and later his Master's Degree in Industrial Management. He was awarded the Industrial Arts Award two different times during his career. He attained his Double A License in Water/Waste Water Management in which he continued to do further study to upkeep his license for several years.

After his retirement from Sequoyah Fuels, Gary began another career at Indian Capital VoTech. He was employed by the Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing as the Broker Agent/Manufacturing Extension Agent until his retirement in 1994.

Gary served as Church Pianist for nearly twenty years at Eastside Church Of God and First Church Of God in Muskogee. His music was his ministry and it brought him much joy. He teamed with Mary Jane Pamplin, organist, for most of that time. The Pamplin and Jackson Families enjoyed a special friendship. Music was an enjoyable part of Gary's life and he received much satisfaction providing new musical instruments for all five of his grandchildren. They in turn made him quite proud of the way they are excelling.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials be made to Gospel Rescue Mission, 326 South 3rd Street, Muskogee, OK.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his infant brother, Jackie; his infant grandson, Gary Andrew; and his daughter-in-law, Kathy Jackson.

Gary is survived by his wife, Betty of the home; his sons, Brian Jackson, and Todd Jackson and his wife, Donna; his brother, Dennis Jackson and his wife, Marilyn; his sisters, Ronnie Schell and her husband, Gale, Lonnie Moore and her husband, Charles D.; his grandchildren, Katie Harlin and her husband, Caleb, Tabitha Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Jonathan Jackson and Seth Jackson; other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. at Grace Bible Church, 4321 E. Hancock Street, Muskogee, with Pastor Brad Schell officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Joseph Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, Seth Jackson, Caleb Harlin, Craig Harlin, and Ryan Fenska. Honorary Pallbearers will be Odell Pamplin, Sam Moore, John Hasler, Farrell Matthews,

and Don Walkwitz. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Bible Church  
4321 E. Hancock Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gary B. Jackson*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I had the extreme pleasure and honor of working with Gary at Indian Capital (Vo-Tech) Technology Center. A kind, gentle but intent man of the greatest integrity and caring spirit. Our clients were certainly blessed to have been served by Gary and I, well, I was even moreso blessed by his professional and personal friendship. I thank the Lord, Betty and the boys for sharing him with me...he and Betty also were a positive influence on my children...his kindness and example to them at the office and Betty's caring for and strengthening them in her classroom. Thank you Gary and Betty for being a part of our lives.*

*John Hasler*

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**John Hasler** - October 20, 2014 at 06:35 PM

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“ It is with a heavy heart that I offer my Aunt Betty and cousins, Brian and Todd my sincere condolence for their loss. My Uncle Gary was not only an extraordinary husband and father, to many of his nieces and nephews, he was a thoughtful, generously humorous man that spent many hours entertaining us with his delightful wit. As children, we found him to be a bit of a comedic genius, and then as adults, we discovered that, indeed we were correct. Uncle Gary always took the time to drop by his Mother's house for a visit whenever we were in town, even if only for a few minutes. He had an exceptional musical talent that left most of us in awe; he didn't just play the music, he felt the rhythm. He was a devout Christian man that set the bar quite high for rest of us to follow, yet he always managed to walk with such grace and ease.

*Uncle Dee Dee, as I called him, will be eternally engraved in my heart and missed beyond explanation, but he will never be forgotten.*

*I love you and miss you forever more,  
Denise Jackson Baker*

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**Denise Jackson Baker** - October 20, 2014 at 10:50 AM

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“ I graduated from Central High School with Gary in 1958. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May God comfort you today and in the days that lie ahead. Rita Lewis

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**Rita Lewis** - October 19, 2014 at 08:25 PM