



Guadalupe Duran

May 27, 1925 - December 25, 2016

Guadalupe Duran was born May 27, 1925. He was 91 when he passed away on December 25, 2016 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Guadalupe's nickname was Jolly Wally and on some occasions that was shortened to JW. Wally was one of eight children born to Telesforo and Louisa R. Duran.

During World War II he served in the Eighth Army Air Corp as a turret gunner on a B- 17 bomber. When the war ended, he returned to Muskogee where he met his future wife, Oleta Estelle Trout, at a local cafe and married her on March 7, 1948. She preceded him in death on December 19, 2001. They raised two daughters, Karen and Cynthia, and now have three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. His time spent with family is what mattered the most to him. Knowing he had his girls to be proud of and grandchildren to enjoy and spoil made him glad to be there for them all.

Wally graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1947, attended Muskogee Junior College and then went on to the University of Tulsa to earn his accounting degree in 1965. During the seventeen years he spent acquiring his degree, he filled various positions in the circulation department at the Muskogee Daily Phoenix where he worked as a truck driver, conveyor puller, stuffer and district manager. He later applied and was hired at the Veterans Administration Regional Office and became a ratings specialist, which was his position when he retired in 1981.

After his retirement, JW volunteered helping individuals prepare and file their income taxes. He also became a fixture at the Muskogee Federal Credit

Union where he volunteered and put his accounting education to work by conducting audits. He served on the credit union board. He enjoyed working at the credit union because the work was interesting and he worked with good, honest people.

In lieu of flowers, JW's family request memorials be made to the 8th Air Force Historical Society, Inc. their address is: 68 Kimberlys Way; Jasper, GA 30143 – 4769 Phone number: 912-748-8884.

A celebration of JW's life will be 10:30 A.M., Thursday, December 29, 2016 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Cindy Culver officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with military honors presented.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Guadalupe Duran*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *May the presence of God surround you and bring you comfort in this time of loss and grief.*

Linda Morgan Clark - December 29, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ *Dear Duran Family - My very first job with W.B. Mayes and Sons was when I first met Jolly Wally. I attended school with his daughter Karen. Jolly Wally was a great man and will be missed by many. I saw him at Eastgate Nursing Center when I had my Mother there before she passed away and we had a short visit.*

With my deepest sympathy - Linda (McKenzie) Johnson

Linda Johnson - December 27, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ *He was the nicest man, I would help him every weekend at the Golden Corral to get his food and to help him to his car. When he doesn't show up we worry about him. When he didn't show up this weekend I was wondering if anything happened to him. He will surely be missed. RIP Wally. We love you. Lisa Springfield*

Lisa Springfield - December 27, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Guadalupe Duran.*



December 27, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ *Karen, Cindy and family - Sending prayers for peace and comfort during this sad time. Your dad was a great man, and I know his loss will be deeply felt by so many.*

Gerri Waldschmidt - December 27, 2016 at 10:07 AM