



Homer E. 'Gene' Tickel

May 12, 1928 - April 19, 2014

Homer Eugene 'Gene' Tickel, 85, of Muskogee, Oklahoma was born May 12, 1928 and passed away Saturday, April 19, 2014. He was the first born to Homer and Alma Tickel. Gene was born in the oil fields of Seminole, Oklahoma as his father worked for Shell Oil Co. He had one brother, Gerald Tickel of Madill, Oklahoma.

Gene began working in a grocery store as a package boy at the young age of 13. He worked for \$1 a day and a day was 16 hours. At the age of 15, he had learned to do everything in the store and worked for \$2.50 a day, and this for an 80 hour week. At the age of 16, Gene was a riveter in an aircraft factory where he helped make C-54 parts and C-47 airplanes to help the war efforts. At the age of 17, he graduated from Meeker High School and enlisted in the Army Air Corp. Upon being discharged from the Air Corp, he enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. It was there that he met and later married Deloris Keisling. After graduating from OU, Gene and Deloris moved to Muskogee where they raised their children, Gail, Mike, and Susan.

Gene retired from Prudential Insurance where he had a very successful career.

He was an avid golfer; enjoyed working in his yard and garden, and listening to Big Band Music.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Alma Tickel; and a great grandchild, Callie Slader.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Deloris; children, Gail Thompson and

husband, Dean, Mike Tickel and wife, Pam, all of Muskogee, Susan Amerson and husband Connie of Ft. Gibson; brother, Gerald Tickel of Madill; grandchildren, Melonie Underwood of Broken Arrow, Karrie Couch of Owasso, Amber Madewell of Muskogee, Angela McCoy of Bentonville, Arkansas, Ashley Tickel of Tulsa; six great grandchildren, Emily, Hayden, Mason, Reagen, Talen, and Hudson; nephews; and other family members and friends. The family wishes to extend a special "Thank you" to Angel Westbrook for her caring, kindness and concern during Gene's illness.

The family requests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 600 E. Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK, 74403.

The family will receive friends from 5:30pm-7:30pm, Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Funeral services celebrating Gene's life will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Muskogee with Dr. Jack Kemper officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Terry Freeman, Roy Banks, David Thomson, Robert Couch, Bob Manke, and Shawn McCoy serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the First United Methodist Church Friendship Class.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Family Visitation

APR 22. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

APR 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

APR 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
600 E. Okmulgee Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Homer E. 'Gene' Tickel*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Gene and family lived down the street from my family for many years. May God be with the family during this time. Susan Tuttle Wickenden*

Susan Tuttle Wickenden - May 02, 2014 at 04:53 PM



Susan, please forgive me, for not thanking you for your sweet comment for Gene & our family. But I didn't know to go to the web site & check...I only hope you get my note as it has almost been a year now, Thanks again,Love Deloris

Deloris Tickel - March 11, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear about your loss,will keep you all in my prayers.
Love Turkey (Spring Hill,Florida*



Turkey - April 27, 2014 at 03:20 PM



*Dear Turkey, I'm so sorry I haven't thank you for the candle you sent for Gene, I didn't know to go to the web site & check,, it was such a trying time, but thank you so much, when I saw your name, it made me so happy, hope you are enjoying your life in Fla, I know it's almost been a year, so I hope you get my note..
e-mail if you have time, would love to hear from you. Love, Deloris*

Deloris Tickel - March 11, 2015 at 12:18 PM

LA

“ *Gene was a special kind of person. He could always make me smile. It breaks my heart to hear of his passing. May God put his comforting hands on Delores and the rest of the family in this very difficult time of loss.*

Lindsey Alexander - April 23, 2014 at 04:39 PM

DT

Dear Lindsey, please forgive me for not thanking you for your sweet comment about Gene, I didn't know to go to the web-site & check, I know it has almost been a year, so I'm in hopes you get my message, I know it's almost been a year, it's been hard but with God's help I'm making it, Thanks again, LOve Deloris

Deloris Tickel - March 11, 2015 at 12:23 PM

NW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I have very fond memories of Gene, Deloris and the Tickel family. Thinking of you all this day.*

Natha Workman - April 23, 2014 at 02:19 PM

DT

Natha, I just now saw your comment, after Gene passed away, I didn't know to go to the web site & check, so sweet of you to remember us, I hope you get this, sorry it has taken so long. Love, Deloris

Deloris Tickel - March 11, 2015 at 12:02 PM

WH

“ *Our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to the family.
Len & Wanda*



wanda Hull - April 22, 2014 at 01:56 PM

DT

Dear Wanda & Leo, I'm so sorry I haven't thank you for the candle & your prayers you sent for Gene, I didn't know to go to the web site, I hope you get this as it's been almost a year now, but thank ou so much....LOve Deloris

Deloris Tickel - March 11, 2015 at 12:08 PM