



## Michael Irvin Postlethwait

October 24, 1939 - January 5, 2019

Michael Irvin Postlethwait was born October 24, 1939 to Irvin and Virginia Postlethwait in Wichita, KS. Michael (known as Mike to all who knew him) spent much of his childhood and adolescent years attending school in Stroud, OK. It was there he developed into a star athlete for the Stroud Tigers, playing football. He would tell many proud stories of his days as quarterback for Stroud and found a true love for the game that never left him. Mike was talented enough to be allowed to transfer those abilities and upon graduating Stroud High School, became a student athlete for Oklahoma State University as a walk on. Mike attended OSU until the age of 18 where he decided to make a life change that would make him the man he turned out to be. On January 30, 1958, Mike joined the United States Marine Corps and traveled the globe defending our country. He was proud of his service and just like the glory days of his high school athletics, Mike would share many stories of his travels and pursuits. He earned the Good Conduct Medal and was awarded an Honorable discharge after four years of service. It was at this time Mike would once again make a significant life change by meeting and marrying the love of his life, Geraldine Smith. He did not just take on the responsibilities of a spouse but of her three born children, proving he had a heart as big as the shoulders he would need to carry this heavy load. He provided for his family in many ways but found his greatest success forming Ban-A-Pest Exterminating Co. where he labored until his retirement. Mike succeeded in not only raising three sons, but also one daughter, Stacy

Postlethwait-Barrett, and would remain a loyal partner to his wife of 54 years until his death on January 5, 2019.

Mike will always be remembered as a loyal athlete, Marine, husband, and father and will be missed and forever remembered by those who loved him and by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Those left to cherish his memory, Geraldine Postlethwait (wife of 54 years); Curtis Postlethwait and wife Terri, James Postlethwait and wife Teresa, Steven Postlethwait and wife Kim, Stacy Postlethwait-Barrett and husband Bill Barrett, (children); Judith Kalabokes (sister), many grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by Irvin and Virginia Postlethwait (parents); Tracy Michelle Postlethwait (daughter); and Michael Irvin Postlethwait Jr (son).

Mike's family will be celebrating his life privately.

Cremation services provided by Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory, 1830 N York St, Muskogee, OK. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Irvin Postlethwait*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I am Mikes son in law for almost 30 years. The first 20 or so were a little rough but, as time went on and we both got a little older we began to get along more and have some good conversations. I think he was glad that he knew someone was taking care of his daughter. It took a while but, as I got older and had a daughter of my own I completely understood where he was coming from.*

*Any one that knew Mike knew he was a tough man. His daughter is very much like him.*

*So, I have a story about our last two conversations.*

*I say to my loved ones when leaving them or hanging up the phone "I love you" but, had never with Mike. On the first of the last two conversations when I hung up with him i accidentally said "Goodby, I Love you". Then hung up and quickly realized what I had done and told Stacy immediately "Oh Crap, I just told your dad I loved him. He's probably freaking out. Then the second and last conversation I had with him, again he said a lot of very kind things to me and when we hung up he said "Love You". Now I was freaked out. Almost 30 years married to Stacy and he finally said "It". We had made it. It took a while but, we made it!*

*Love and miss you Mike!  
Your Son In Law,  
Bill*

**Bill Barrett** - January 07, 2019 at 05:00 PM

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*Sorry to here about mike he was a good boss Jim Foltz Wagoner*

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**Jim Foltz** - January 08, 2019 at 08:27 AM

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*My condolence Jerri and family, praying for you and your family. Mary Pfeifer*

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**Mary Pfeifer** - January 08, 2019 at 03:08 PM