



Phillip Ray Bengé

August 15, 1935 - May 20, 2025

Phillip Ray Bengé, 89, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. He was born on August 15, 1935 to Martin Van Bengé and Mississippi Bertha (Dye) Bengé in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Phillip graduated from Sand Springs High School with the class of 1952 and later obtained his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University. He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1959-1965 and worked up to Captain.

Philip married the love of his life, Deanna Joyce Roberts, on April 12, 1959 in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. They shared 66 years of life, marriage and many cherished memories together.

He worked for ONG and was a district manager until his retirement. Phillip was very intelligent and enjoyed telling stories. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed family get togethers. He was an avid OSU fan and he loved to place bets on OSU/ OU games with the family on holidays. Golf was his passion. He also enjoyed hunting and always had bird dogs.

Phillip loved to travel and took several Sunday trips to explore other parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. He loved spending time with his wife and sons on adventures. He later enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids as well.

Phillip was a wonderful man who left a great legacy and a lifetime full of great memories. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Bertha Bengé; wife Deanna Bengé; son, Jason Bengé; siblings, John Bengé, Charles Bengé and

Maybelle Pullen.

Philip is survived by his son, John Benge and wife Lauren of Muskogee; granddaughters, Angela Guinn and husband Steven of Okemah, Lisa Fletcher and husband Carl of Henryetta; great-grandchildren, Bryce Guinn, Christopher Guinn, Jacob Fletcher, Aubrey Fletcher, Kayla Fletcher and fiancé, Eric Stell; along with other family members and friends.

A celebration of Phillips life will be 2PM, Friday, May 23, 2025 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Kevin Chartney officiating.

The interment will be 10AM, Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Cemetery Details

Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery

1200 N Cleveland Ave
Sand Springs , OK 74063

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Service

MAY **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear sweet Johnny, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad and your Mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dad, Jim and I send our love during this difficult time. Dad talks of the many adventures your Mom and Dad went on together we he and Mom. Good memories. Alison Lightfoot Hafar

Alison Hafar - May 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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“ Bill Linda and Amber Fletcher purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Phillip Ray Benge.



Bill Linda and Amber Fletcher - May 22, 2025 at 04:54 PM

“ I have been happy all my life.” Phil was a good and decent man that I knew much better as he aged along in the last years of life. I was lucky to sit with him and his stories while his beloved Deanna went to appointments/treatments. It was an unexpected joy, honor and privilege for me to learn much about this wonderful neighbor, friend, husband, father and grandfather. Those moments would become rich blessings as he trusted me to share in his memories of long ago times, all while watching/ listening to his favorite westerns. My curiosity heightened the longer I was able to keep him company....so questions about his life easily continued. I discovered that he already owned all the qualities that I admired and imagined of him. Kind, soft spoken, witty, generous, humble....we connected deeply, for we were distantly related, OSU graduates and loved military life.

Phil easily and fondly spoke of his parents/ family and early life in Sand Springs, playing ball in yards there with his friends afterwards going to the “show” every Saturday. He affectionately described long journeys with his mother, driving to Fort Gibson to spend treasured time with his Dye family there, especially playing with all his cousins. He appreciated time with and care from much older brothers and a sister, meeting and marrying his beautiful Deanna, raising their sons and enjoying travels, camping, hunting and being outdoors. His dad gave him horses to ride, and he always had a dog beside him, with many following him into old age. Golf was his joyful obsession after retiring from a successful career with ONG. We would often see him happily driving down our street on his way to the course, always stopping to chat and say hello.

I found myself enjoying being in the company of such a gentleman. Even as aging robbed him of some of his memories, he always remained calm, reflective, kind and interested in what you had to say. A few of his “wise” quotes follow that I think speak well of his incredibly nice nature:

“I have been happy all of my life.”

"I liked going to work. I was lucky that usually everything I worked on, I liked."

"Doing good for others, you really are doing good for yourself."

"I always tried to do what was right and to help others."

"Dee is just a pretty and a good lady that I just happen to like and I was just lucky to get her."

"To me, it helps the whole group, when learning something and sharing it with them."

"Everyone, at some time in their life, will have to work out something."

"The whole world has good people."

"Some kids growing up did not have the good help, like I did."

"We loved all our kids, as a father, in some way, whatever needed to be done, I tried to do." I never had a kid that was not good in my eyes."

"I like dogs, they make you feel better just by being there."

"I loved hunting because you always had your friends with you."

"Take your smarts to help others."

"I have always liked people and hoped they enjoyed me." Yes, Phil, we appreciated the light, love and laughter you so easily and so often gave away. And we so enjoyed you. With heartfelt sympathies to all who knew and loved him, Carolyn and Bob Watts

Carolyn Watts - May 22, 2025 at 08:33 AM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 21, 2025 at 12:15 AM