



## Randolph Lloyd Updike

July 11, 1917 - April 8, 2011

Randolph Lloyd "R.L." Updike, 93, of Tulsa, Oklahoma passed away on April 8, 2011. He was born July 10, 1917 in King, Arkansas to Freddie Leroy and Willa Mae Updike. He graduated from Seminole High School and later received a bachelor's degree in music from Oklahoma University. He also played trumpet in the OU marching band. He was in the Air Force during WWII. R.L. married his wife of 62 years Aileen Martin in 1940. They had two children together, Jay and Linda. He taught band at Jenks High School and Oklahoma School for the Blind. He later opened his own music store, Updike Music Co which he owned until he retired in 1987. On October 3, 2003 he married Velma Nelson Updike.

R.L. was a deacon at First Baptist Church, Muskogee; a member of the Muskogee City Council and on the board of the Salvation Army. He enjoyed antique cars, writing missionaries, gospel rescue mission work, Shriner's band, jail ministry and weekly Bible study with Les Feldick.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 62 years, Aileen Updike; and sister, Gloe Updike Stith.

R. L. is survived by his wife, Velma of Tulsa, Oklahoma; daughter, Linda Matthews of Mulberry, Arkansas; son, Jay Updike of Muskogee, Oklahoma; four grandchildren; Julie Matthews Hoffman of Kissimmee, Florida; Chris Matthews of New Haven, Connecticut; Jennifer Updike of Dallas, Texas; and Martin Updike of Muskogee, Oklahoma; two great granddaughters, Shiloh and Sophia Matthews; one great grandson, Ethan Matthews; and one nephew Jim

Stith of Chicago, Illinois.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at Cornerstone Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 11, 2011; at First Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Greenhill Cemetery.

Family requests that memorials be made to Salvation Army of Muskogee.

# Cemetery Details

## **Greenhill Cemetery**

1500 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Randolph Lloyd Updike*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Linda, my Aunt and Uncle told my about R.L.'s death. So sorry for your loss. Lots of good memories growing up as a teenager across the street. Especially remember your Dad switching out one blue Christmas light blue (on my Dad's house) with a red one each night for a week. Good neighborly fun! Take care, Sharyn Toler*

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**Sharyn (Toler) Pankey** - April 11, 2011 at 12:44 PM