



## Raymond H. Ivens

October 28, 1927 - November 9, 2013

Raymond Harold Ivens, 86, passed away in his home on Nov. 9th after living a long and full life.

Raymond was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma Oct. 28, 1927 to Harold and Mable (Frazier) Ivens. The family moved to Muskogee in 1939 when his father was hired to manage Hunt's Department Store in downtown Muskogee. He attended Longfellow Elementary, West Jr. High and graduated from Central High School in 1945. Raymond then joined the Marine Corp serving 3 years in southern California. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he returned to school and graduated from Oklahoma A&M, now O.S.U. in 1952 with a business degree. Raymond then joined his father at Hunt's as the credit manager.

In 1954, Raymond married Nancy Rawlinson of Muskogee. He considered himself very blessed for the 55 years they had together.

They had 3 daughters, Lorie, Lisa, and Leslie. They had one son, Mathew, they lost to leukemia at the age of 5. Raymond had an older sister, Marcheta and younger brother, Mike.

While at Hunt's, Raymond was active with the Retail Merchants Association and The Downtown Promotion Group, planning various events throughout the years to bring people downtown to shop. He enjoyed great friendships with

fellow merchants- Bernie Susman of Susman's Clothing, Brud McEntee- McEntee's Jewelers, and Dick Davidson of Klar Brothers Jewelry. This crew was well known as the original lunch bunch. Hunt's quickly became a family business employing almost every family relative at sometime or other. In 1972, Raymond and his father acquired ownership of Hunt's. Joined by wife, Nancy they did it all, stalking shelves to buying merchandise! The character and integrity of Raymond and his father is much of what made Hunt's a special place to shop. When the store was closed out in 1988, after almost 50 yrs. in business, the outpouring of friends and customers was overwhelming.

After several years of retirement, Raymond was employed by friends, Lynn and Carol Hoffman of Hoffman Printing Company managing the Artisan Books department. A happy association for 13 years, ending due to ill health in 2011.

As a husband, father, brother, son, uncle, great-grandfather, and friend, he was the best. From consistent daily visits to his beloved sister, Marcheta Sheets, stricken with MS to wagon rides for the grandkids, trips to Dewberry Drug for old fashioned chocolate sodas, a little money reward for reading books, he and Nancy attending any and all grandkids activities and sports, trips to the Peach Barn for ice cream, card playing- just to name a few. Raymond was not only a gentleman but was a gentle man. He was funny, witty, entertaining and very nostalgic. He had a passion for the wonderful old classic films of the 1930's and 1940's. He passed that love down to his daughters and even to two of his grandsons! Raymond loved the big band music from the 40's. He and wife Nancy were excellent dancers and enjoyed dancing to the big band music while members of a dance club.

Raymond grew up in and raised his family at First Baptist Church. He was a deacon while there. He and Nancy taught the young married Sunday School class and were involved with the youth as well. Later he moved the family to a small Bible church. His passion for knowledge and understanding of the Word

was constant and studied daily.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mathew Rawlie; and sister, Marcheta.

He is survived by his three daughters, Lorie Hill of the home, Lisa Yochum of Muskogee, Leslie Brannon & husband, Kevin of Muskogee; his brother, Mike of Seattle; and his grandchildren, Josh Hill and wife, Sarah of Tyler, TX, Zach Hill of Dallas, Hannah Hill of Tyler, TX, Cody Yochum of Mattoon, IL, Rachel Yochum of Edmond, OK, Mikaela Brannon Miller & husband, Aaron and great-grandson Luke of Ft. Gibson, OK, Makenzie and Mea Brannon of Muskogee. Raymond is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Kathy Sheets, Ann Sheets Henry and special grand-nephew Jacob "Jake" Henry, Dr. Jack Sheets and wife, Annie, their children John and Caroline, Jeff Ivens and daughter of Seattle, Chris Ivens and wife and two daughters of Seattle.

Funeral services for Raymond will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Rodney Stacy officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

NOV 12. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

NOV 13. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond H. Ivens*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Lorie, Lisa and Leslie,  
We heard about the passing of your father and want you to know you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Dad and I will always remember your dad's big smile and the happy energy he extended to all.  
Julie and Don Adams and Jim Askew, (Fort Worth, TX)*

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**Julie Adams** - November 22, 2013 at 07:34 PM



“ *Raymond was such a good man, and a wonderful neighbor. He would make Mexican casserole and share with Terry and I, and when I would make homemade ice cream he would never turn it down. We sure did miss Raymond and Nancy when we moved. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

*Terry and Debbie Jackson*

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**Debbie Jackson** - November 12, 2013 at 09:21 PM



“ *Luckey Walton*

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**Luckey Walton** - November 12, 2013 at 09:02 PM

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“ *My husband, Jerrel and I worked for Harold and Raymond Ivens at Hunt's in the 1960's They were like family and we were very proud to call them our friends. Rosemary Foster.*

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**Rosemary Foster** - November 12, 2013 at 06:12 PM

 Deby Rake

“ *Deby Rake lit a candle in memory of Raymond H. Ivens*



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**Deby Rake** - November 12, 2013 at 12:48 PM