



## Raymond Doyle Sewell

January 9, 1924 - July 21, 2024

Dr. Raymond D. Sewell died peacefully on July 21, 2024 at home in Muskogee. He was born on January 9, 1924, to Wrothel and Ida Sims Sewell in Murray County.

Raymond grew up in Davis. He left high school after the 10th grade and hitchhiked to Ardmore to attend a government-sponsored welding school. After successful completion, he was sent to the Kaiser Shipyards near San Francisco, where he welded ships for several months. In 1943, he was drafted into the Army Air Corps and was sent to Bombay, India, where he helped supply the defense of China during World War II.

Returning to Oklahoma, he attended East Central State College in Ada and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Science in 1950. While attending college, he met and married the love of his life, June Watson. They were married for 71 years.

Raymond taught in many Oklahoma schools, worked at Bacone College, and was Superintendent at Braggs. He continued his studies earning a Master of Science in 1954 and a Doctorate of Education in 1972 from OSU.

He was active in the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association and the

Muskogee County Democratic Party. He was a member of the Muskogee Church of Christ. He was a great believer in the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson who taught him self-reliance.

Raymond is survived by daughters Sheila Sewell of Oklahoma City and Lana Reed and son-in-law Don Reed of Muskogee; grandchildren Rachael Gilliam, Lauren Ritchie, and Donna Bray, of Muskogee; Aaron Ritchie of Tulsa; Alix Golden, Kayla Sewell, and Lance Sewell of Oklahoma City; Julie Sewell and Jaxon Cossey of Cashion; and great grandchildren Jack Gilliam, Olivia Gilliam, and Zian Bray of Muskogee, and Vanessa Cossey of Cashion.

His wife, June; son, Frank; grandson, Todd Reed; and two sisters preceded him in death.

The family extends warm thanks to the staff of ACG Hospice for the care they showed to their father.

A celebration of Raymond's life will be 1PM, Thursday, July 25, 2024 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Dennis Wilhite officiating. Interment will follow Memorial Park Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME  
1830 N York St  
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

## Family to greet friends

JUL 24. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME  
1830 N York St  
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

## Service

JUL 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't know about this until just now. I'm so glad he got to bless this family for 100 years! He, June, and the kids are among my earliest memories. I saw my first big screen movie with them when we were little kids, and we visited often until they moved to Muskogee. June and Raymond were a special support to my mom in 2015 when my dad was in his last days at the Muskogee VA Hospital. Good memories!

Glenda Hastey Shockley - October 23, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Doyle Sewell.



July 25, 2024 at 09:30 AM

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“ Sincerely, Eternal Wealth Management planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Doyle Sewell.

Sincerely, Eternal Wealth Management - July 25, 2024 at 09:30 AM

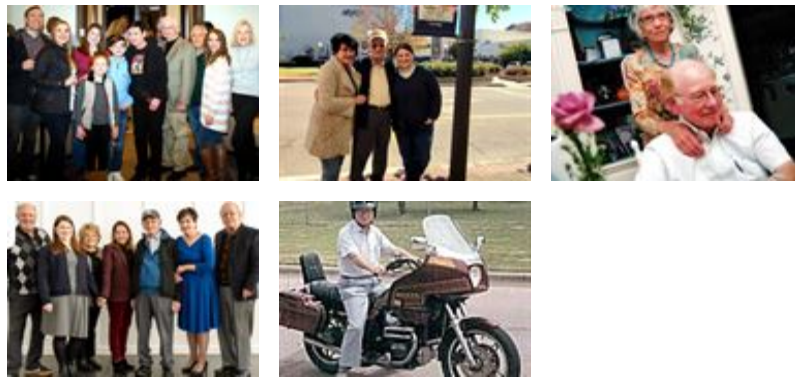
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“ I knew Raymond when he was Superintendent of Braggs School. He was a kind and gracious man. Saw him recently at the memorial of a mutual friend. He seemed to be so pleased to see an old acquaintance. My sympathies to his family.  
Betty Smallwood

Betty Smallwood - July 24, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 24, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ 90 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - July 24, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Raymond Doyle Sewell*.



July 24, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Doyle Sewell.*



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July 23, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ *Jean-Marie planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Raymond Doyle Sewell.*

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**Jean-Marie** - July 23, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ *Katsumi and Denise Hagiwara purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Doyle Sewell.*



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**Katsumi and Denise Hagiwara** - July 23, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Katsumi and Denise Hagiwara planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Raymond Doyle Sewell.*

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**Katsumi and Denise Hagiwara** - July 23, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Raymond Doyle Sewell.



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July 23, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ *Sincerely, Melinda, Cale, and Cameron* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Doyle Sewell.

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**Sincerely, Melinda, Cale, and Cameron** - July 23, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ *From Noma, Jim and Abby* purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Raymond Doyle Sewell.



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**From Noma, Jim and Abby** - July 23, 2024 at 12:35 PM