



## Robert F. Anthis

February 8, 1931 - March 22, 2011

Robert Felts Anthis of Muskogee died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at his home in Muskogee surrounded by his family. Robert was born on February 8, 1931 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Ernest Roscoe Anthis and Elizabeth G. Felts Anthis. He attended Central High School of Muskogee (1949); Oklahoma State University, the U.S. Military Academy (1954); earned his Masters in 1962 at Purdue University; served on U.S. Military Academy faculty 1962 – 1965; the U.S. Army C&GS (1968). Robert served his country in the Army and fought in the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

Robert married his childhood sweetheart, Jean Black Anthis of Muskogee on June 18, 1954. They have 5 children. Stan and Cathy Anthis of Muskogee; Carolyn and Jeff Laughlin of Kiev, Ukraine; Susan and Dan Kretzer of Broken Arrow; Janet and Tim Harmon of Olathe, Kansas; Steve and Angie Anthis of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He also has a sister, Anna Claire Brennan of Muskogee. They have been blessed with 20 grandchildren. Karen Anthis of Duncan, OK, Kevin Anthis of Muskogee, Kristin Anthis of Norman, OK, Carla Anthis of Muskogee, Sarah and Peter Salajka of McLean, VA, Jessica Laughlin of Fayetteville, AR, Jeffrey and Annie Laughlin of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Jacob Laughlin of Orlando, FL; Anna Laughlin of Manhattan, KS; John Erik Laughlin of Kiev, Ukraine; Paul Kretzer of Lafayette, LA; Elizabeth Kretzer of Broken Arrow; Quentin Harmon of Nashville, TN; Sean Harmon of Manhattan, KS; Forrest, Holly and Ben Harmon of Olathe, KS; Bret, Carson and Addie

Anthis of Winston-Salem, N.C. He also has 5 loving nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his parents; Ernest and Elizabeth Anthis; and three brothers, Ernest Jr., Louis and Edward Anthis.

After retirement from the military, Robert was General Manager of Gaige Aviation in Boise, Idaho. He was also employed at Gem Flight Center, and co-owner of Falcon Air from 1976 to 1985. He enjoyed flying as a private pilot, flight instructor and charter pilot.

He was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed tennis and flying. He gave his time by serving on the Muskogee Airport Board, Five Civilized Tribes Museum Board and the "Meals on Wheels" program. He was also active with the West Point Society of Eastern Oklahoma and was an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Muskogee.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at St. Paul United Methodist Church of Muskogee with Reverend Mark Jardine officiating. Burial will follow at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery with the Honor Guard of Fort Sill, Oklahoma serving as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Multiple Myeloma Foundation 383 Main Avenue, Fifth Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851. [www.multiplemyeloma.org](http://www.multiplemyeloma.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

MAR 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

MAR 28. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
2130 W Okmulgee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert F. Anthis*



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert F. Anthis.*



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March 30 at 12:19 PM



“ *Robert F. Anthis*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

DH

“ Dear Jean,  
I passed your home yesterday, noticed the cars and feared it was Rob. You and Rob were an invaluable support to me at the museum during a time when support was hard to come by. I'll never forget your kindness. Without the upheavel there, I might never have known what a greatt couple you were. I'm proud to say that Rob made an investor out of me. My love, Dianne Haralson

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**Dianne S. Haralson** - March 29, 2011 at 01:36 PM

JK

“ May the memories you have kept permanent in your heart wrap you in comfort and bring to you a special peace. Our sincere sympathy,  
Dale and Jamie



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**Jamie Kotalik** - March 28, 2011 at 03:02 PM

SH

“ Dear Kathy and Stan,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Growing up in Muskogee, I had the pleasure of meeting Rob on several occasions. We always had great visits and enjoyed out time together.*

*My sincere condolences,*

*~Steve Hart  
MHS Class of '73  
Atlanta, GA  
smhart@hotmail.com*

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**Steve Hart** - March 26, 2011 at 12:44 PM