

## Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence

December 15, 1946 - August 22, 2024

Theodore Lex Lawrence, 77, of Braggs Oklahoma, passed away on August 22nd, 2024.

Ted was born December 15th, 1946, to Edith (Howard) and Theodore Lawrence in Lawton, Oklahoma. He grew up on his grandad's original Indian allotment in Stephens County and was a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Ted married the love of his life Susie on August 14, 1982, in Muskogee. They shared 42 years of love, laughter, and adventure. Together they had 4 daughters.

Ted graduated from Bray High School in 1965, attended Cameron College in Lawton and graduated with a dual bachelor's degree in history and sociology. He joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard in 1969 at Marlow, Oklahoma. He began his career as a Police Officer in 1970 in Duncan, Oklahoma, where he worked for 2 years. In 1972 he transferred to Norman Police Department, and served Norman as a patrolman, undercover officer, Detective Sergeant and Headquarters Sergeant. He retired from the NPD on February 6th of 1992, after 22 years of service. One week later, he moved from a public servant career to a full-time military career as, Active Guard & Reserve (AGR) at Camp Gruber, where he would serve until he turned 60 years old, the Army's mandatory retirement age. Ending his career as a Master Sergeant with 37 years of military service. He was an active member of the Braggs

American Legion Post 233.

Susie says Ted was born 400 years too late, as he would have been one of the explorers that we read about in history books. He loved to explore Camp Gruber, Cherokee County Game Refuge or the mountains of Colorado. He wasn't a hunter as he was just too soft hearted, he just enjoyed "wandering". Ted was an avid arrowhead hunter and over the years he amassed a huge collection, most found within 5 miles of his home in Braggs. This passion evolved into learning the craft of flintknapping. As a proficient Flintknapper, he elevated this ancient craft into fine art and was a registered Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Artist. He won many awards at Native American Art shows around the county with the beautiful pieces he created.

Ted and Susie traveled extensively. Whether it was by car, RV, motorcycle, ship or plane they had probably been there, and if they hadn't, it was on their list. The Howard Cousin's reunions held all over the US in beautiful destinations fueled their travel itch even more.

Ted is survived by his loving wife Susie of the home; his brother, Mike and his wife Judy Lawrence, of Duncan OK; his 4 daughters, Dawn Elizabeth, Heather Rene, Dawn Christine, and Jennifer Rebecca; 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, many cousins, and a multitude of very close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his younger sister, Deleta Ann Vorpapel.

Open viewing will be Tuesday August 27, 9am to 8pm at Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York Street Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403.

Services will be, Wednesday August 28, 2024. The family would like for

everyone to join them at Camp Gruber, Braggs, Oklahoma. A valid ID may be required.

10:00 AM - Chapel Fellowship Hall for visitation, donuts and coffee.

11:30 AM - Services will be held at the Camp Gruber Chapel with dear friend John Stephenson officiating.

Burial will be at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with full military honors.

Pallbearers will be the American Legion Post 233.

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Folds of Honor Foundation, at [foldsofhonor.org](http://foldsofhonor.org) or by phone at (918) 274-4700.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 27.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

**AUG 28.** 11:30 AM (CT)

Camp Gruber Chapel  
Braggs, OK

# Tribute Wall



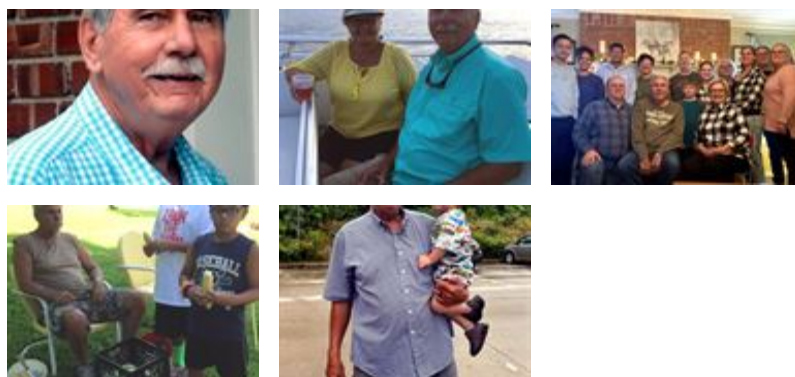
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.*



August 27, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ *93 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - August 27, 2024 at 05:20 PM



“ *Arthur L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.*

**Arthur L.** - August 27, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry. Ted was an artist and an adventurer and I liked and admired him greatly. He will be missed by many.*

**Wren Stratton** - August 27, 2024 at 07:57 AM

LK

“ Ted and Susie, so many great memories. Two very special people, good people. Canton, Texas; Dallas; Southern Kitchens; flowers; guns; knives.  
NPD, National Guard, "the group", Sturgis stories, the list goes on.  
God Speed, Ted.  
EOW

LD Kiener - August 27, 2024 at 06:03 AM

MJ

“ Major J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.

Major J. - August 27, 2024 at 03:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.



August 26, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.



August 26, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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“ Olde America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.

Olde America - August 26, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.



August 26, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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“ Chad and Janie Rambo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.

Chad and Janie Rambo - August 26, 2024 at 03:45 PM

DC

“ Drate and Lavonda Cathey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.



Drate and Lavonda Cathey - August 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM

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“ Drate and Lavonda Cathey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore "Ted" Lex Lawrence.

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**Drate and Lavonda Cathey** - August 26, 2024 at 02:13 PM

DJ

“ May you be comforted by the outpouring love of family and friends surrounding you. Susie, I am thinking about you and praying for you! ❤️🙏  
Debbie James

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**Debbie James** - August 26, 2024 at 01:13 PM