



Willard Dale Judkins

October 9, 1932 - December 12, 2017

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1932-2017

Willard Dale Judkins, 85, Of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away December 12, 2017 at his home after a brief illness. He was born in Oktaha, Oklahoma October 9th, 1932 to parents John and Mattie (Barnes) Judkins and was a lifelong resident of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

In his early years, Willard worked on the Kershaw Ranch in Oktaha, Oklahoma. After graduating from Muskogee Central High School in 1951, he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. After basic training he was sent to Minsk Germany serving in the Military Police, and with his free time he traveled around Germany and Paris, France.

After serving in the Army, Willard started training with his brother-in-law to be a Tin Smith. He not only took pride in his work, but truly relished the friends he made during his time in this trade. He enjoyed building things and working with his hands.

Willard loved to be outside and loved hunting Deer and Elk with his brothers and friends. He would usually go to Colorado every year for 2 weeks at a time to hike, hunt and fish in the mountains.

Willard was a Rancher in Wagoner County during and after his years in the sheet metal trade where he worked for OK Tin Shop and Young's Sheet Metal in Muskogee. He is known for his artistic copper work that beautified many buildings in the Tulsa and Muskogee area. He enjoyed oil painting with his

sisters and he had a passion for growing a large garden and many varieties of Iris. He planted hundreds of trees along the road on his property that we will get to enjoy for years to come.

He treated people he met with dignity and respect. He was always willing to help wherever he could. We have lost a kind and gentle soul. He found Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at an early age and renewed his faith in his later years. He knew that this is only the first phase to a life well lived. May he rest in peace in the arms of Our Creator, God Almighty!

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mattie Judkins; his brothers and sisters, Milfred Judkins, Donald Judkins, Marjorie Stephens, Harold Judkins, Violet Brock, and Ivan Leon Judkins.

Willard is survived by his wife of 18 years, Maxine (Ashwood) Judkins; his children with Betty (Hughes) Honea, Darren Judkins and wife Peggy, Cynthia Metzger and husband Lee, Ryan Judkins, (all of Muskogee) Shannon Brooks and husband Sejin (Texas); by marriage, Johnny Ashwood Jr and wife Shirley (Okay); many grandchildren, Thomas Judkins (OKC), Alex Boyer, Hannah Boyer, Colby and Wade Holman, (Muskogee) and Harrison Brooks (Texas) and 6 additional grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Maxine White and Faye Deane Boydston (Muskogee).

Pallbearers will be Thomas Judkins, Alex Boyer, Levi Ashwood, Colby and Wade Holman.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home 1830 North York St, Muskogee, Oklahoma at 2:00 pm, December 15, 2017 in Chapel with Pastor Earl Baker officiating. Burial services will directly follow and held grave site at Memorial Park Cemetery, 7600 Old Taft Rd in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to family at www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.
Muskogee, OK 74401

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 15. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Willard Dale Judkins*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Uncle Willard was an amazing person. I will always remember spending time with him and Papa. And of course the time he chased Papa and I out of his garden....We'll miss you Willard!*

Jeff Judkins - December 17, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willard Dale Judkins.*



December 14, 2017 at 03:23 PM

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“ My daddy, Archie Curts, was the son of Dolpha HESS Curtis. Her mother was Mollie JUDKINS Hess, my Great-Grandmother. Daddy was a Sheet Metal Worker also and I believe that was part of the bond between Uncle Willard and Daddy. Arlene and I have been friends for years and we used to go the races and be around all the Judkins that were involved in racing at the time. I am so thankful, that after many years, I was able to visit with him at the Judkins reunion a couple of years ago. Arlene has been faithful in keeping me up-to-date on him and the Curtis family has been praying on his behalf. Willard was a treasure and will be missed! The Judkins family is in our prayers. May God bless you all and carry you through this time of sorrow.

Our love,
Debbie (Curtis) James and Family

Debbie Curtis James - December 14, 2017 at 02:06 PM

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“ My heart is so hurting knowing that he is no longer with us. But, I know he is in a better place surrounded by loved ones who have gone on before him and were waiting for his arrival.

He was always a kind, caring and loving Uncle. My time spent with him was always a highlight of my trips back to my home town of Muskogee. In addition to that, he hugged me like my Dad hugged me and I would always look forward to that warm connection to both the memory of my my Dad and now my Uncle. I will, and already do, miss him.. In the last several days, Dalton and I have both talked about the visits we have had with him in these last few years.

Sandy Judkins Shires and Dalton Redman

Sandra Judkins Shires - December 13, 2017 at 07:02 PM