



## James Edward Yeager Jr.

July 9, 1945 - September 10, 2020

James Edward (Chocky) Yeager, Jr. longtime Okmulgee resident, passed away Thursday morning, September 10, 2020 in Okmulgee at 75 years of age. James was born July 9, 1945 in Seminole, Oklahoma to the late James and Dora (Wilkerson) Yeager. He spent most of his life in Okmulgee where he was an active member of the First United Methodist Church. James was also a faithful volunteer at the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal complex. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Blanche (Yeager) Beaver, Mabel (Yeager) McNac and brother Newman Yeager. Survivor include a sister Elizabeth (Beth) Coker.

Survivors include nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Visitation will be held at the McClendon-Winter Funeral Home in Okmulgee on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from 12:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church, in Okmulgee with Reverend Sheri Lashley officiating. Interment will follow at the Seminole Hitchitee United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

# Events

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**SEP 15**   **Viewing**   12:00PM - 06:00PM

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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street, Okmulgee, OK, US, 74447

**SEP 16**   **Funeral Service**   01:00PM

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First United Methodist Church of Okmulgee  
8th Street and Seminole, Okmulgee, OK, US

# Comments

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“ Worked for Muscogee (Creek) Nation for 8 years under Chief A.D. Ellis. During that time 'Chockie' visited Nettie Harjo and his friends in Enrollment, then came to meet me. He became a fixture and a friend, but he loved visiting everyone in the office. He loved making me laugh. Found he loved to make everyone laugh. His wit was wonderful. A favorite memory is the many family, friends and professionals who helped him along life's thoroughfare! Saw so many help him go and come and shop and visit anyone and everyone. If he heard i was invited to speak to youth at a small school, he asked to go. Seemed to know everyone, but if he didn't, it did not matter. He enjoyed ride and visit! So, to all those who helped him in any way, and TO CHOCKIE, i say prayers and thanks to your for enriching my life and that of my wife, Maggie. (our constant and repeated saying in the household is "bye-bye now!", a favorite memory and Chockie saying in the parking lot of ole Creek Headquarters. Someday u may hear the rest of the story!!! RIPCHOCKIE!

Claude Sumner/Maggie - September 14, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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“ We became friends with James through Okmulgee Vision Clinic but he was much more than that. He became our transportation friend. We would see him walking around town and always pick him up. We enjoyed our conversations on those short trips, we would see him often out at Walmart, he loved karaoke ( don't know if he sung) but he loved to listen. You will be missed James. God gave you a simple life and you blessed many people with it. The Johnson's

Janette Johnson - September 14, 2020 at 09:23 AM

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“ Rest In Peace James. You will be missed.

Darrin Schmidt - September 13, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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“ James was my friend. He always had a good sense of humor. He called me “Shorty”. He is the only person I allowed to call me that. I’m glad he can see clearly now, can run, and can communicate with his Lord and Savior.

Candy Barnard - September 13, 2020 at 05:35 AM

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“ So sorry to hear; may Chocky rest in peace. I will always remember him being full of humor and his visits to my office telling me his funny stories. Before he left he would secretly turn my desk nameplate upside down. I would offer Chocky car rides on rainy days. He always made sure it was me before accepting a ride with me. Will miss him. Prayers to his family.

**Chanenna Davis** - September 13, 2020 at 04:40 AM

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“ Rest in peace. Condolences to the family.



**B. Lou** - September 12, 2020 at 05:30 PM

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“ JAMES DONALD HALE lit a candle in memory of James Edward Yeager Jr.



**JAMES DONALD HALE** - September 12, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ Rest in peace Chakie. We had a life time knowing each other, and, always enjoyed seeing each other. I never knew anyone that like to walk , or, walked more than you.

**Buddy Cox** - September 11, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ Rest in Peace James. You were always a good friend and a gentleman. Thank you for going to church with me and allowing me to give you rides. You had a lot of friends, and now you are with family and our Lord and Savior. Keep praying for us, James.

**Hazel June Marshall** - September 12, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ James and I were friends and I gave him a lot of rides. We talked on the phone weekly when I lived in Okmulgee- mostly about sports. He was proud that his father had been a United Methodist minister and went to different churches all over the state for special events and revivals. He had a great sense of humor and loved to gently tease. He always wore long sleeve shirts with a collar to protect himself from the sun and look nice. He often joined our family for holiday meals. He will be deeply missed.

**Heather Scherer** - September 11, 2020 at 05:08 PM

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“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of James Edward Yeager Jr.



**david miller** - September 11, 2020 at 04:33 PM

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“ James would come to the bank to look at my quarters to see if I had any he needed for his collection. I remember knowing him back when I was very young and he would visit my mom at Key drug. He always called her blondie. He named me blondie two. he was actually a very sweet man and his favorite movie was Coal miner's daughter. he was also proud of his heritage and his turquoise bola tie. He made me laugh and one time at work he came up and kissed me on my cheek out of nowhere. He did that another time at the nursing home when I went to see him. What a flirt! I am sad he is gone, but I know he is in Heaven.

**holly caldwell brians** - September 11, 2020 at 11:19 AM