



## Charles "Gene" Stricker

March 12, 1930 - July 31, 2016

Gene Stricker, of Okmulgee, passed away at home on Sunday, July 31, 2016. He was 86 years of age. Gene was born March 12, 1930 in Cromwell, Oklahoma to the late Doy and Elizabeth (Banks) Stricker. He married June Kimrey on August 7, 1948 in Okemah. They shared 65 wonderful years of marriage. Gene enjoyed fishing and was an avid OU Football and Thunder Basketball fan.

Starting out, Gene worked the oilfields in Oklahoma and New Mexico. He returned to Oklahoma in 1960 when he and his brother-in-law, Don Kimrey, purchased Burnt Cabin Resort on Lake Tenkiller. While there, Gene gave scuba diving lessons and assisted in rescues. In the late 60's, he founded Gene's Well Service, working several rigs all over the state. After selling Gene's Well Service, he and his son, Kent, started their own independent oil and gas company, Stricker Resources, Inc. A heart surgery prompted Gene to retire in 2000 at the age of 70.

Gene was a dedicated family man who cherished the time he was able to spend with his loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, June, a son, Ronnie Stricker and a sister, Morene Frasher-Johnson.

Survivors include his daughters, Rhonda Thorpe of Checotah, Vicki Willis and husband Wayne of Okmulgee, a son, Kent Stricker and wife Kathy of Morris. Grandchildren, Mike Armstrong, Michele Drain and husband Terry, Stacy Been and husband Justin, Jennifer Shipman and husband Doy, Danielle Honel and husband Kyle, and Rhett Stricker. Great-grandchildren, Hannah Drain, Madison Shipman, Cody Shipman, Mabrey Been, Mason Shipman, Brayden Stricker, and Khloe Honel.

A service celebrating Gene's life will be held on Friday, August 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee with Pastor Dale Litsey and Doy Shipman officiating. Friends may visit the funeral home on Thursday from 2-8 PM. The family will be present to greet guests from 6-8 PM. Interment will be in the Morris Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Wayne Willis, Mike Armstrong, Rhett Stricker, Terry Drain, Justin Been, Kyle Honel, Doy Shipman and Houston Spring.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Gene's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-1677  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
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## Visitation

AUG 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Gene" Stricker



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - August 03, 2016 at 03:38 PM



Thank you for sharing this beautiful tribute of an amazing man and his loving family❤️ Rest in peace Uncle Gene. See you soon. Love, your nephew Mark and Teresa

Teresa Howell - August 05, 2016 at 06:20 AM



“ Charles "Gene" Stricker

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Mark, son Cody and I went with Uncle Joe and Aunt Kay to Eufaula in 2006 to visit Uncle Gene and Aunt June. Of course Uncle Gene was out fishing but came in to visit us :) He shared fishing and oilfield stories with the guys. Beaming with a big smile Aunt June asked me to come into the kitchen and she showed me pics of the grandchildren on the fridge. They both loved their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They are together now in Heaven for an eternity. See you later Uncle Gene. Love, hugs and prayers for Rhonda, Vicki and Kent and the entire family.



**Teresa Howell** - August 05, 2016 at 06:40 AM

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“ Martha Pilcher lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gene" Stricker



**Martha Pilcher** - August 02, 2016 at 08:45 AM

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*Gene was a good man who worked hard and loved his family dearly. I will always remember that big smile and the fun times we had at the lake and all the holiday dinners I was so blessed to be a part of.*

**Martha Pilcher** - August 02, 2016 at 08:48 AM

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*Mr. Gene was my fishing buddy. He loved nothing better than to pick on me about my fishing pole. He was a real family man, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My prayers for his family. Kathy (Kat) Bell.*

**Kathy Bell** - August 04, 2016 at 08:30 AM