



Chester H. Hodge

October 17, 1933 - April 3, 2022

Chester H. Hodge, lifelong Okmulgee County resident and retired Chief of the Okmulgee Police Department passed away April 3, 2022, in Muskogee at 88 years of age. He was born in Schluter, Oklahoma to the late Leonard and Lydia (Bullard) Hodge. He attended school in Schluter, graduating in 1951. He married Kaye Cecile Harkrider on June 30, 1953, in Okmulgee. Chester served his country for 2 years in the U.S. Army. He was a Radio Instructor and repairman in 1954 while stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. He was stationed in various places such as: Georgia, Arkansas and in Lawton, Oklahoma. Chester served 35 years as an Okmulgee Police Officer, with 17 years as Chief of Police.

After retirement Chester would make daily visits to Ned's office where he was able to visit with the people that stopped by. He would accompany his brother Ned on his job. He said he was Ned's muscle. Chester was very much a man of habit as he got older. He would make his rounds in a very specific order, that order was not to be deviated from. Chester enjoyed traveling and woodworking. As he got older he enjoyed using his IPAD.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lenoard and Lydia, wife Kaye, a son, Dennis Ray Hodge, and brothers, Richard, George and Ned Hodge.

Chester is survived by; a son Mike Hodge and wife Pam, of Park Hill, Oklahoma; six grandchildren, Michael Eric Hodge of Jenks, Oklahoma; Amanda McCaslin of Bixby, Oklahoma; Dena Hodge of Muskogee, OK; David

Hodge of Okmulgee, OK, Jamie Holdcroft of Wagoner, OK, Michael Edward Hamrick of Jenks, OK, ten great grandchildren, a brother, Jim Hodge and wife Cathy of Paragould, Arkansas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be Thursday, April 7 from 12-8 P.M., visitation will be from 6-8 P.M. Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Friday, April 8, 2022, at the First Baptist Church with Robert Frost officiating. Interment will follow in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Larry Hodge, Jerry Hodge, Wayne Hodge, Daniel Hodge, Chris McCaslin, and Mike Morrison.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Chester's Tribute Page of our website at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee
311 W. 5th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Committal Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Chester H. Hodge*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 06, 2022 at 01:28 PM

DF

I had the pleasure of working for Chester Hodge for 17 years as his secretary/ records clerk at the Okmulgee Police Department. He was a kind respectful man to work for. His dignity, kindness, respect and professionalism is the reason I worked for him for 17 years at the Okmulgee Police Department. I commend him for being a fantastic person to work with. My condolence and prayers are with the Hodge family. Rest in peace Chester!

Derrie Fox - April 07, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Chester H. Hodge*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

RK

“ *We always had a great respect for Chester. Dad started cutting his hair in the early 50s when he sacked groceries across the street. And he's been with us ever since. He's been like family to us and we will miss him.*

-Roger and Ralph

Roger Kovarik - April 08, 2022 at 11:06 AM

DH

“ When I married Jesse, his FAMILY became mine. Always remember how much you are LOVED, Uncle Chester. My heart goes out to you, Mike and Pam, along with the rest of the family.

Dorothy Hodge - April 07, 2022 at 09:29 PM

JP

“ I met Chester almost 40 years ago. He was a true professional. He treated everyone fairly, offenders, citizens and employees alike. He was my first police chief and was a big part of the beginning of my career. A lot of different policemen taught me how to be a policeman, but Chester taught me how to be a Chief. He taught me countless lessons and I am forever grateful, but most of all, I appreciate his friendship. So long my friend!

Joe Prentice

Joe Prentice - April 06, 2022 at 06:03 PM

RI

“ You always knew where you stood with Uncle Chester. Be never bullsh!t you! But be always cared and encouraged you to be the best you could be! Sorry, i can't be there hug know i loved him. Richard (Dick) Hodge



Richard - April 05, 2022 at 10:57 PM

JR

“ Jeanie Bullard Reich lit a candle in memory of Chester H. Hodge



Jeanie Bullard Reich - April 05, 2022 at 07:29 PM

DC

“ Mike I’m sorry to hear about your dad. He was a great guy and he served our community well.

Dan Colombin - April 05, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



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LC

“ Chester was a friend, and a partner we worked with through the Drug Interdiction Program. He was ready willing and able to stratigisy one buys and busts. It was a pleasure to work with you Chester RIP till we all meet again.
Loyd &.Deborah Cobb

loyd Conb - April 04, 2022 at 11:55 PM

EA

“ I had a very good working relationship with Police Chief Chester Hodge for many years. He was very professional in his law enforcement duties--we had a mutual respect for each other and I considered him my friend. I send my sincere sympathy to his family.

*Everett Allen
Police Chief, Retired
Henryetta, OK*

Everett Gene Allen - April 04, 2022 at 09:32 PM

PG

“ Phil & Carol Gilstrap lit a candle in memory of Chester H. Hodge



Phil & Carol Gilstrap - April 04, 2022 at 10:32 AM

DW

“ So terribly sorry for the Loss of your Precious Dad!
Our Heartfelt Condolences to the Family.

Debbie Walker - April 04, 2022 at 09:46 AM

SW

“ Suzanne Wise lit a candle in memory of Chester H. Hodge



Suzanne Wise - April 04, 2022 at 08:53 AM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Chester H. Hodge*



david miller - April 03, 2022 at 11:28 PM

CR

“ *Chester was my neighbor and friend. Good person.*



Connie Reed - April 03, 2022 at 07:34 PM

CC

“ *Clay Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Chester H. Hodge*



Clay Copenhaver - April 03, 2022 at 07:19 PM

TJ

“ *Chester was one of my favorites at Creek Nation elderly Nutrition. Him and his brother Ed. Prayers for the family and hope the family from out of state are fine. I miss everyone's faces. He will be greatly missed.*

Tammy Jones - April 03, 2022 at 06:31 PM