



Donald Joe Lesley

August 22, 1938 - March 18, 2013

Donald “Joe” Lesley 74 longtime resident of Okmulgee died after a short illness in Tulsa, OK on Monday, March 18, 2013. He was born in Nuyaka, Oklahoma on August 22, 1938. Joe graduated from high school and then received his Bachelor’s degree from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. One of Joe’s loves was to work in the Education field. He was Director of EPIC, and at Green Country Technical Center he served as Director of Adult Education, Business Industry. Joe’s fun time included quail hunting, fishing, and famous for his cooking with his smoker. His serious side was his involvement with the Gideon Association; served his church as Sunday School Director at Trinity Baptist Church. Joe will be remembered for several things, including his voice that could fill a room. His parents two brothers Bob and Jim Lesley, three sisters Ruth Thomas, Blanche Collins and Betty Lesley preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife Susan Lynn Terrell Lesley of the home, a daughter Renae Lesley and Mark of Dallas, TX, son Daren Lesley and wife Angela of Dallas, TX. Son Danny Lesley of Okmulgee, grandchildren Madyson, Carson, Tyler, Grayson, Jaden and Ashton. Two special people in his life Rachael Morgan and Leah Casselman, other relatives and many friends also survive Joe.

Funeral service for Joe will be on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Trinity

Baptist Church in Morris, OK. Revs David Hamilton, Rev. Richard Kerr, and Rev. Carter Tucker will be officiating. Viewing will be on Friday, 1 pm until 8 pm at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee. The family will be available at the funeral home on Friday 5 pm until 7 pm. His family suggests contributions be made to The Gideon's, and Agape Pregnancy Center of Okmulgee. Pall Bearers are Orland Aldridge, Henry Evans, Mike Martin, John Lesley, Russell Witham, Roy Thomas. Honorary Pall Bearers are Mac McChesney, Ferrell Roles, Dan Sullivant, David Dixon, Max Shoemake, and Dan Boydston. Condolences may be made at mcclendon-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Visitation

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
Morris, OK

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

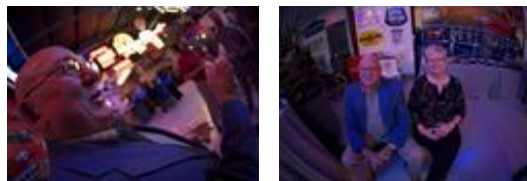


“ Donald Joe Lesley

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Pictures of Joe



Amy Dixon - March 25, 2013 at 08:08 PM



“ Dorothy Meyer lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Dorothy Meyer - March 25, 2013 at 09:23 AM

RA

“ I don't even hesitate for a moment when I say that Joe Lesley was without a doubt the greatest man I've ever known. In 13 years I never heard him speak an unkind word about a single person. He never knew a stranger. And I watched him build up countless people in need. If it weren't for Joe, I wouldn't be where I am today. He was my "Dad" in every way that mattered. And I'm so grateful for the 13 years I got with him, and that my son has such an amazing Papa. Joe's loss will be felt for the rest of my time on earth. But I don't know anyone who deserved to go be with Jesus more than him. Dad, just like I always tell Ashton, you are always with me because I keep you in my heart!!!

Rachael - March 24, 2013 at 09:58 PM

RA

“ Rachael lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Rachael - March 24, 2013 at 09:49 PM

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Rachael - March 24, 2013 at 09:48 PM

DD

“Mr. Lesley” was a good teacher and wish I had paid more attention to him in chemistry class. It was one of the most fun and memorable classes in high school. I still have his famous paddle with all of the signatures and everytime I see it I laugh and hear that voice. Great memories from a dedicated teacher!

Darrel and Gwyn (McClendon) Dominick - March 24, 2013 at 01:07 PM

TM

“ Truman, Loretta, Kim And Kattie McCall lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Truman, Loretta, Kim and Kattie McCall - March 22, 2013 at 10:36 PM

TM

Joe was a wonderful man that was a great teacher and was my dad best friend I grew up listing to all the storys of him and Joe and Jimmy couch and all their fun times. Never was they a time that he did not stop me in walmart to give me a hard time he will be missed by my whole family

Truman, Loretta, Kim and Kattie McCall - March 22, 2013 at 10:53 PM

VL

“ Vonna And Jerry Lampkins lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Vonna and Jerry Lampkins - March 22, 2013 at 08:59 PM

RK

“ Joe was a great man. He always had a smile on his face and was a great witness for the Lord. Our family was very blessed to have known him. Susan and family we are so sorry for your loss. God bless you. Ron, Cindy, Jake & Emily Kell

Ron and Cindy Kell - March 22, 2013 at 07:00 PM

RK

“ Ron & Cindy Kell lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Ron & Cindy Kell - March 22, 2013 at 06:58 PM

KL

“ Joe was my friend, boss and teacher since high school. I will truly miss that gravelly voice.

Kenneth LeBlanc - March 22, 2013 at 11:32 AM

SE

“ Joe hired me when I was 19 years old. It was my first real job and I worked for him almost 20 years. He was a wonderful boss, friend and father figure. Joe was so friendly and fun to be around. People were just drawn to him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.



Sandia Etchison - March 22, 2013 at 06:55 AM

SS

“ Joe was one of the friendliest, nicest people I know. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Steve Shoemake

Steve Shoemake - March 21, 2013 at 10:11 PM

MH

“ My brother, Bob, and Joe were best friends, so Joe has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Every member of my family has a "fun" story about Joe. RIP

Marilyn Walker Harmon

Marilyn Walker Harmon - March 21, 2013 at 08:28 PM

PW

“ Pat Gouthier Wilson lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Pat Gouthier Wilson - March 21, 2013 at 05:55 PM

PW

Mr. Lesley was one of my favorite teachers. He was always very positive and always had something funny to say. He was very special and will be missed.

Pat Gouthier Wilson - March 21, 2013 at 05:57 PM

PH

“ *Paula Harjo lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Paula Harjo - March 21, 2013 at 02:44 PM

PH

Joe was such a kind man, and he loved to tease! So sorry for your loss.

Paula Harjo - March 21, 2013 at 02:46 PM

TP

“ *Our loss is heaven's gain. He was such a special person that always brightened my day with a joke or a funny story and his smile was contagious. Susan, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Teresa Pinkston - March 21, 2013 at 12:07 PM

 Bobbi Crabtree

“ *Bobbi Crabtree lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Bobbi Crabtree - March 21, 2013 at 11:23 AM



“ *Darlene Coleman lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Darlene Coleman - March 21, 2013 at 09:37 AM



Joe was such a good longtime friend and co-worker. All of his staff at Eastern Workforce loved him not only as a friend but as an AMAZING boss. We were all just like family and he treated us as such for all the years that he was at the helm of the agency. Prayers and condolences are with you, Susan, and the family. He will be missed as one of the best friends we could have ever have had.

Darlene Coleman - March 21, 2013 at 09:45 AM



“ *Jamie Claborn Hammon lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Jamie Claborn Hammon - March 21, 2013 at 08:33 AM



“ *Victoria Ward lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Victoria Ward - March 20, 2013 at 10:40 PM

TC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe was such a special friend. I will miss his laughter and smile. Tanya Condren*

Tanya Condren - March 20, 2013 at 09:25 PM

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JB

“ *Joe was a True Friend and a Great Boss you will be Greatly Missed. RIP my Friend. Jenny & Kenny*



Jenny Bridgman - March 20, 2013 at 05:59 PM

JF

“ *It was my great honor to be a student of his and then later on, a friend with common interests, our sons. Danny, I will never, ever forget Joe Lesley. He was and will always be UNFORGETTABLE! You are a lucky young man. Susan, my heart goes out to you; I've been where you are now. God, family and friends are so important now. You are blessed to have all of these.*

Joan Dove Fels - March 20, 2013 at 05:58 PM

JO

“ *Joe was always so kind to me. Joyce Howard*

Joyce - March 20, 2013 at 05:34 PM

MB

“ Joe could always get a person's attention with his great, booming voice and make us laugh, whether we wanted to or not. He will be missed.

Martha and Roy Bryant

Martha Bryant - March 20, 2013 at 05:22 PM

JC

“ Joe was one of those people you have the food fortune to call a friend and co-worker for many years...a lot of laughs and great memories. My sincere sympathy to Susan and the family.



Jeneane Campbell - March 20, 2013 at 05:22 PM

BB

“ Bryn And Jack Boatman lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Bryn and Jack Boatman - March 20, 2013 at 05:05 PM

MT

“ THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Author: Anonymous

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?

Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?

*These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?

And - How did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?

To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?

But - Had he befriended those really in need?

Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?

But - How many were sorry when he passed away?

*These are the things that measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*By any measure, Joe Lesley was a good man and he will be
missed. Our thoughts are with Susan, Danny, family and friends.*

Mike and Kathy Thomas - March 20, 2013 at 04:22 PM

JF

So beautiful and appropriate. Joan Dove Fels

Joan Dove Fels - March 20, 2013 at 05:47 PM

KM

“ *Kimberly Mahan lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Kimberly Mahan - March 20, 2013 at 01:54 PM

DP

“ *To the family of Joe Lesley,*

Our thoughts & prayers are with you through this difficult time.

Hazle Pruitt, Debra Boss, David Boss & families

Debra Boss Price - March 20, 2013 at 12:52 PM

BW

“ *To the entire family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe was a great man, with a voice that one will never forget. He always had a great smile and a kind word for you. Our deepest sympathy, Bonita and Shorty Wood*



bonita wood - March 20, 2013 at 12:28 PM

CL

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cathy Colombin Lopez



Cathy Lopez - March 20, 2013 at 10:15 AM

SC

“ *SUE CULBERT lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



SUE CULBERT - March 20, 2013 at 09:31 AM

ST

“ *Renaë-In the almost 50 years that I've known your dad his first comment upon seeing me was "Well you haven't grown any, you're still short!" My mom told me once that it doesn't matter how old you are, you're never ready to give up your mom or dad. I'm so sorry for your loss & will pray for you & your family.*

Shawna Wilson Thomas

Shawna Wilson Thomas - March 20, 2013 at 09:26 AM

LF

“ *Lane Melton & Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Lane Melton & Family - March 20, 2013 at 08:48 AM

SC

“ *Sarah (Myers) Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Sarah (Myers) Carpenter - March 20, 2013 at 08:36 AM

GM

“ *Glenda Mariano lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Glenda Mariano - March 19, 2013 at 10:24 PM

GM

Susan & Danny, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was an awesome man that would do anything in his power for anyone. He always saw the good in people and will be greatly missed. The family is in my prayers as you go through this difficult journey. God Bless you all.

Glenda Mariano - March 19, 2013 at 10:28 PM

JC

“ *Jeffrey L. Culbert lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Jeffrey L. Culbert - March 19, 2013 at 09:09 PM



“ *Mrs. Lesley, Danny my prayers go out to you'll. Mr. Joe was a kind loving and good Christian man. My mom Joan always raved about how good he was as a school teacher that he was at okmulgee high. She always talked about how funny he was and his awesome since of humor May God be with you always. Chris Trainor MHS class 2000.*

Christopher Trainor - March 19, 2013 at 06:57 PM

CF

“ We are thankful that we were blessed to have Joe in our lives for so many years, he has helped me out so many times over the year, whether it be to make me smile when I didn't feel like smiling, an encouraging word when I was discouraged, or a job when I wasn't sure of my future. I'm thankful for all the memories he left us with, including the famous "gravy apprenticeship"! I rejoice because I know Joe is with the Lord, right where he was ready to be, yet I grieve for those he left behind....so long old friend, I will miss you dearly. Susan and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers constantly during this time.

Chris & Shanna Tyler and family - March 19, 2013 at 06:54 PM

GS

“ Dear Lesley Family, we are so terribly sorry to hear of Joe's death; what a great guy. He, Glenn, & Shoemake had been bird hunting many years ago and Glenn cooked their birds; Joe called me to say that Glenn was such a good cook that if he was a woman he'd take him away from me and marry him. He always had a happy tale and a smile. God be with you during this difficult time.



Glenn & Shirley Scott - March 19, 2013 at 05:26 PM

KM

“ There are no words to describe the loss we feel at Trinity- The kids knew him as the Candy Man :), I loved to hear him sing the old County Songs; I loved the way he would say "Good Morning Ms. Kimberly!!!!!! No one calls me Kimberly! He loved his Lord and Savior and wanted everyone else to have that kind of love! He was the most obedient person I have ever known. I will miss him dearly and I pray for his family- Susan, I know you have the love of God like Joe did; let him carry you now; and never forget we are here for you. We love you Melton family.



Kim Melton - March 19, 2013 at 04:09 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley



Becky - March 19, 2013 at 03:53 PM

BE

Joe was a very caring man and always happy. Loved to tease and I will never forget him from my High School Days. He was a very Godly man that loved the Lord. He will be greatly missed! My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Love you Sharon.

Becky - March 19, 2013 at 03:55 PM

BE

I don't know why I put Sharon I meant to say Susan, I am so sorry and praying for you Susan. love you


Becky - March 19, 2013 at 04:48 PM

DS

“ *Danielle Stacy lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*




Danielle Stacy - March 19, 2013 at 03:52 PM

 Tiffany Robertson

“ *Tiffany Robertson lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Tiffany Robertson - March 19, 2013 at 02:18 PM

 Tiffany Robertson

“ *Joe had the biggest heart. He was kind, sweet, and fair with everyone that he knew. He always had a smile and a chuckle that was infectious no matter what mood you were in. He always made me feel like one of his own family members and my heart is so heavy for what it must feel like for his family right now. Only God can ease the ache of the loss. Lean on Him to get through the next days to come. Praying for any peace that could help with this hurt. Love this family.*

Tiffany Robertson - March 19, 2013 at 02:17 PM

JK

“ *Jill Keck lit a candle in memory of Donald Joe Lesley*



Jill Keck - March 19, 2013 at 01:10 PM