



Gene Lewis

January 17, 1932 - November 21, 2013

Lawrence Gene Lewis

Gene Lewis was born on January 17, 1932 in Manchester OK and left this earth November 21, 2013 in Yuma, AZ.

Parents Cecil and Ruby Lewis raised Gene and one sister Carol in Manchester, where Gene attended Manchester High School and met his future bride, Mary Louise George. After graduation, Gene attended Northwestern State University in Alva, OK and earned his Masters' degree in teaching from Central State University in Edmond. While in college at Alva, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary. Mary was also an Alva graduate and after raising her children, became a kindergarten teacher in Okmulgee. Gene and Mary had four children; one child, a son, died in infancy and Mary passed away in 2006 after a long battle with Parkinson's. Gene worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Okarche OK, Arkansas City KS and Lawrence KS and settling in Okmulgee OK in 1964, retiring from Oklahoma State Technology Center in 1987. Retirement was not for him and he was appointed to manage the Okmulgee Tag Agency until his 2nd retirement in October 2013 at the age of 81.

Gene's companion in his later years was Betty Mason and they enjoyed their time together square-dancing, traveling and spending time with family and friends. They had decided to split their time between Okmulgee and Yuma AZ and had recently purchased a 2nd home there to spend the winter months in

Yuma and return to Oklahoma in the late spring. They had been in Yuma just three weeks when Gene's time on this Earth ended....Heaven was waiting and there were license tags to be sold!

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Ruby Lewis, his wife Mary and infant son, Greg. He is survived by his sister, Carol and her husband Charlie Cushenberry of Denver, CO. Gene is also survived by his remaining children, daughter Mara Dickinson, Tulsa OK, son Bret Lewis and his wife, Debi of Tulsa OK and daughter Jill and husband Jason Elmore of Georgetown TX, grandsons Blake Lewis and Max Elmore. He leaves behind his dear companion, Betty Mason and her family, Mara's boyfriend, Bill Fleming, lifelong friends, Carl and Jeanette Miller, and many others who shared in Gene's journey of life.

Other relatives surviving on Mary's side of the family, but remaining close to Gene are Mary's brother Leon George and his wife Marlyce of Castle Rock CO, Mary's sister Carol George, Aurora CO, Wilma George of Anthony KS and Ron Murphy, Wichita KS.

Gene Lewis was a well-respected man in his community, and loved by his family. His kind nature and generous spirit will be long remembered. So in the years ahead, as the strawberries blossom and beg to be picked, the pecans turn brown and drop to the ground, and the OU Sooners win another one, we will remember this fine man.

Visitation will be held at McClendon Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee Tuesday, Dec 3rd from 4:30 -6:30 pm. Celebration of Life service to be held at First United Methodist Church, Okmulgee, Dec 4th at 2pm. Gene will be buried in Manchester, OK . Family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Parkinsons's Research Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee

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Funeral Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Okmulgee

8th Street and Seminole

Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Lewis*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *I was sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Lewis. I taught with Mrs. Lewis at Banneker and she also taught my girls. She taught me a lot about being a great teacher and was always there for me. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis always made me and my family feel welcome in their home and always had time to offer some advice or just chat. One Christmas I mentioned to Mrs. Lewis that my three kids wanted a live tree for Christmas but I didn't have a way of getting one. Two days later there was a knock on my door and there stood Mr. Lewis with a fresh cut live tree with a homemade stand and behind him was Mrs. Lewis with a box of decorations. My children are grown with children of their own but every Christmas they have to tell the story of the live tree, the smell and the pretty decorations. Memories are life's lesson and my children learned a lot the Christmas about the spirit of giving. I hope your memories with help you in this tough time. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, some wonderful people. Marilyn Jackson*

MARILYN JACKSON - December 16, 2013 at 09:40 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We had a lot of tags placed on our vehicles all these many years by a sweet heart Tag Agent named Gene Lewis for as long as we can remember. Vonna and Jerry Lampkins*

Vonna Lampkins - December 04, 2013 at 03:45 PM

SJ

“ *My mother and I Will sure miss not visiting
over the fense in our back yard.
So sorry for your loss.
Sue unruh
Lois Johnson*



sue unruh and lois johnson - December 04, 2013 at 12:42 PM

SK

“ *Jill and family, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know you
are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Susan (Pitchford) Knarr - December 03, 2013 at 02:23 PM

PC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Jill and her family at this sad time.
I remember Gene as a kind man and I know he will be missed by
many.*

*Much love to all,
Pam Skupien Carlson*

Pam Carlson - December 03, 2013 at 07:54 AM

LJ

“ *Dear Family of Gene Lewis - So very sorry to hear of Gene's
passing. My husband and myself square danced many times with
Gene and Betty. Gene was a great guy and will be missed by many.*

*With our deepest sympathy - Ken and Linda Johnson, Muskogee,
OK*

Linda Johnson - December 02, 2013 at 06:14 PM

BD

“ Gene was a wonderful person and friend, loving and kind hearted, he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Barbara Diggs - December 02, 2013 at 02:26 AM

SA

“ Gene was a good boss and person. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Sarah Amador - November 25, 2013 at 10:15 PM

TM

“ Teena McElroy lit a candle in memory of Gene Lewis



Teena McElroy - November 25, 2013 at 01:41 AM

PB

“ Pam Bennight-Elmore lit a candle in memory of Gene Lewis



Pam Bennight-Elmore - November 23, 2013 at 06:12 PM

PB

My deepest sympathy's are with this family.....Gene was an Awsome Boss and Friend....My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Pam Bennight-Elmore - November 23, 2013 at 06:25 PM

JC

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family..Gene was a good man...always remembered his friends and willing to help in any way he could. Earth's loss...Heavens gain!*



Jeneane Campbell - November 23, 2013 at 01:03 PM

HM

“ *I am so saddened to hear this. I knew Gene my whole life. He always had a smile on his face and words of encouragement for me. He was a very sweet man, and he loved my daughter! I wish his family comfort in knowing that he is with our Lord now. Rest In Peace Gene, fly high!*

Halie McKee - November 22, 2013 at 07:08 PM

GN

My Sympathy goes out to Gene's Family. I grew up with Gene in a little Town in N. Central Ok. we used to go swimming in an old Pond just south of town & also hunted together some. We went thru School together & I will always miss seeing his smiling face at our High School Reunions. I will always miss him as he was such a Super nice guy. I will also add Gene was such a super Basketball Player in High School , everyone here Loved Him.

Glenn (Skeeter) Niethamer - November 27, 2013 at 07:54 PM