



George A. Harding

June 1, 1938 - September 19, 2023

George An Harding, age 85, of Okmulgee, gained his wings on September 19, 2023 at 2:20 A.M. He was born on June 1, 1938, in Winslow, Arkansas to John and Hanna (Purdue) Harding. George is preceded in death by his parents, eight sisters and two brothers.

At the young age of eighteen, George joined the U.S. Navy to serve his country. He was stationed in Boston, Massachusetts on the Aircraft Carrier, The Wasp. There he proudly served from June of 1956 to June of 1959. On January 10, 1958, he married the love of his life Mary Lois McElhannon and had the honor of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary January 10, 2023. After being discharged George and Mary returned to Okmulgee to live out the remainder of their days. He worked at Ball Brothers for thirty years.

Staying active in life was important to George. He had many friends and loved to go hunting and fishing. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge in Okmulgee and was also 32nd Degree Mason of the Scottish Rites of Free Masonry in McAlester, a member of the Knights Templar of Muskogee and the Foursquare Church in Okmulgee.

George leaves behind his beloved wife Mary and five children: Georganna Cunnigham (John), Anita Harding-Dewhirst (Charles), Deborah Harding-Cato, Teresa Harding all of Okmulgee and Douglas Harding Sr. of Preston. Eleven

Grandchildren: Robert Sadler, Jr., Christopher Harding (Alison), John Cunningham, David Sadler (Roni), Amber Scott (Will), Tara Booker (Kris), Douglas Harding, Jr., (Rebecca), Daniel Boone (Courtney), Kylee Watts (Joe), Richard Boone (Christy), and Rebecca Harjo (Brian) as well as forty-one great grandchildren and nineteen great-great grandchildren. George loved his babies very much and found great joy in their family gatherings. In his later years he was also blessed to have a special lapdog named Boomer. Boomer brought much comfort to George.

Viewing will be Friday, September 22, 2023, from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Okmulgee. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at Calvary Baptist Church with Revered Eddie Lee McElhannon officiating. Pallbearers are his grandsons, William Scott, Christopher Harding, David Sadler, Douglas Harding Jr., Daniel Boone, and Richard Boone. Honorary pallbearers are Robert Sadler Jr., Ryan Sadler, Wyatt Boone, Keegan Harding, Easton Harding-Scott, Blade Grider, and Britten Porske.

George was loved and cherished by both family and friends, and he will greatly be missed.

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

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee

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Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church

13th Street and Belmont

Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George A. Harding*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - September 22, 2023 at 11:02 AM

PM

“ *I'm So Sorry for the loss of your Husband/Dad...
I'm not on Facebook anymore but I looked up obituaries from the funeral home directly.
Please know y'all are in my thoughts and Prayers. Love You All. ❤️*



Pamela Maxwell - October 25, 2023 at 06:55 PM

BL

“ *Georganna,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad and I want you to know that I am thinking of you during this time.
Betty Allen*

Betty Minyard Allen LPN - September 23, 2023 at 07:17 PM

FB

“ *Frances Beasley lit a candle in memory of George A. Harding*



Frances Beasley - September 23, 2023 at 12:34 AM

RK

“ *Roger Kovarik lit a candle in memory of George A. Harding*



Roger Kovarik - September 22, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - September 22, 2023 at 11:03 AM

PC

“ George was one of a group of very special men. He was always bigger than life to me. I remember the first time I ever saw him. He was in his navy uniform and I was pretty young but I was just staring at him. I can see him still. George and Mary Lois was two people I have greatly admired. Always there when someone needed them. His family is so loving and kind. Geoge will leave a giant hole in this life. We all loved him so much.

Pat Clingan(McElhannon) - September 21, 2023 at 07:13 PM

MF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Marie (Sargent) Fleming - September 21, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ Doug and all, just peace & strength at this time. Hugs & take care, ya'll. --Bulldog '84.



David Miller - September 21, 2023 at 01:36 PM

SW

“ Suzanne Wise lit a candle in memory of George A. Harding



Suzanne Wise - September 21, 2023 at 10:08 AM

SW

Prayers for you, Mary, and the family.

Suzanne Wise - September 21, 2023 at 10:31 AM

SM

“ I have such good memories of George, all are filled with love and laughter. I am glad I had the opportunity to know George since I was a kid and then he became a member of our family which made him more special and loved. I pray you are comforted knowing George is with family and waiting for us, no more pain or problems. Love and prayers for you all, Sherlene

Sherlene Been Maxwell - September 19, 2023 at 09:38 PM

JE

“ Debbie Anita Teresa sorry for loss luv you all prayers

Jeanna - September 19, 2023 at 09:11 PM

KF

“ To the family I am sorry for your loss. George was a great man. George was always there for my grandparents and was my grandpa's best friend. George you will forever be loved and missed. Give my momma, grandma and grandpa hugs for me. I know there is a big celebration going on in Heaven right now.



Kim Fields - September 19, 2023 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of George A. Harding*



David Miller - September 19, 2023 at 06:54 PM