



## Joe Dean Weatherford

April 11, 1933 - January 8, 2013

Joe Dean Weatherford was born April 11, 1933 in Poteau, Oklahoma to the late Vernon and Birdie (Danner) Weatherford. Joe graduated from Poteau High School in 1951. He married Sue Bright on December 5, 1952 in Poteau and they soon moved to Kansas City where Joe attended Kansas City College of Mortuary Science. In 1955, Joe and Sue purchased the Hinton Funeral Home in Hinton, Oklahoma. They later moved to Fairview, Oklahoma and purchased the Fairview Funeral Home. They then relocated to Lawton where they owned the Lawton Funeral Home. In 1971, they moved to Miami and purchased the Cooper Funeral Home of Miami and Fairland. Joe and Sue made their home in Miami until 1991, when they moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas and purchased the Hot Springs Funeral Home. In 1993 they returned to Miami, where they have lived and enjoyed retirement. Joe and Sue also have been co-owners of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee, Beggs and Morris for many years. Joe passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in Tulsa at the age of 79.

Joe had served as President of the Oklahoma Funeral Directors Association from 1970-1971 and was appointed to the Oklahoma Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers until 1991. He was a long time member of the Miami Masonic Lodge # 140, Akdar Shrine Temple, Grand Lake Shrine Club and the Royal Order of Jester's Court 47 of Tulsa. He also was a proud member of the "A Team" and had been a longtime member of the Miami Golf and Country Club, Miami Rotary Club, Miami Elks Lodge, Miami Main Street, Miami

Chamber of Commerce and the First United Methodist Church. Joe enjoyed traveling and spending time in Mexico every year.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, sister, DeWanda Hankins, and a brother Glenn Weatherford.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sue, daughter, Sherrie Hulse and husband Mike of Tulsa, and Shelly Weatherford of Overland Park, Kansas, grandchildren, Megan Harlan and husband Justin of Tulsa and Matthew Hulse of Tulsa, a brother-in-law, Harrell Bright of Poteau, sister-in-law, Ann Weatherford of Henderson, Tennessee and niece and nephews, Jeff Bright of Tulsa and John Weatherford and Susan Weatherford of Oklahoma City.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. on Thursday evening at the Cooper Memorial Chapel of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home in Miami. A funeral service for Joe will be held at 10:13 A.M. Friday, January 11, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Miami, Oklahoma with Father Noel Doherty officiating assisted by Reverend David Wheeler. A committal service will be held at 2:13 P.M. at the Calvary Cemetery in Tulsa. A reception to celebrate Joe's life will follow the committal service at the Golf Club of Oklahoma. Casketbearers will be Matthew Hulse, Jason Winters, Larry Biddle, Clifford Howard, Don Robinson, and Bill McClure.

Memorial contributions in Joe's memory may be made to the Grand Lake Shrine Club Children's Transportation Fund, First United Methodist Church of Miami, Oklahoma, and the Joe D. Weatherford Scholarship Fund for funeral service students, all in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee and the Brown-Winters Funeral Home of Miami.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

9101 S. Harvard Ave.  
Tulsa, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home  
5 B N.W.  
Miami, OK 74354  
<http://www.brown-winters.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 10:13 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Miami  
200 B. NW  
Miami, OK 74354

## Graveside Service

JAN 11. 2:13 PM (CT)

Calvary Cemetery  
9101 S. Harvard Ave.  
Tulsa, OK



# Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joe Dean Weatherford*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *From Steve and Ann McDonald. We are so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. We always enjoyed OGR meetings with Joe and Sue. Our prayers are with Sue and the family.*

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**Ann McDonald** - April 01, 2013 at 08:51 PM

TW

“ Last week i stopped by the funeral home in Miami to visit while i was in town for a graveside. I just heard of Joe's passing. i am so sorry. I first met Joe at a state convention in the 1980's. I was a funeral director with Vondel Smith Mortuary in OKC and Jason Winters was an apprentice. He talked about Joe and told me I had to meet him and "I did". How i remember Joe; friendly man, great smile, always looked sharp, great example of a professional funeral director, mentor to us young guns. As years go by, I move to Purcell and buy Little's Funeral Home. I don't go to many conventions and over the years i missed seeing him and visiting with him. In 2009, i was on a fishing trip to mexico. we fly into porta viarta mexico, our guide and party stop at this big grocery store. As I'm walking in, Joe's walking out. Both of us surprised, had a quick but nice visit. Joe, thanks for being who you were. sincerely, Tim Wilson

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**Tim Wilson** - March 02, 2013 at 05:28 PM

JP

“ My family was one of Joe and Sue's neighbors in Miami. Joe was always a class act who was upbeat and smiling. He always handled his business and his personal life in a way that people both liked and trusted him.

*Joe and my father (who was in the Meatpacking Industry) at times were the butt of jokes at the Annual Town and Gown dinner in Miami and my father said they all rolled off Joe's back like water off of a duck. Joe used to go up to folks and with a practiced eye would pull out an imaginary tape measure and say "I think I have one (casket) that fits you!"*

*The Prewitt family extends our condolences to Sue and the rest of the Weatherford family. Joe was a bright light on earth and we know he will be in Heaven as well.*

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**John Marshall Prewitt** - January 24, 2013 at 11:12 PM



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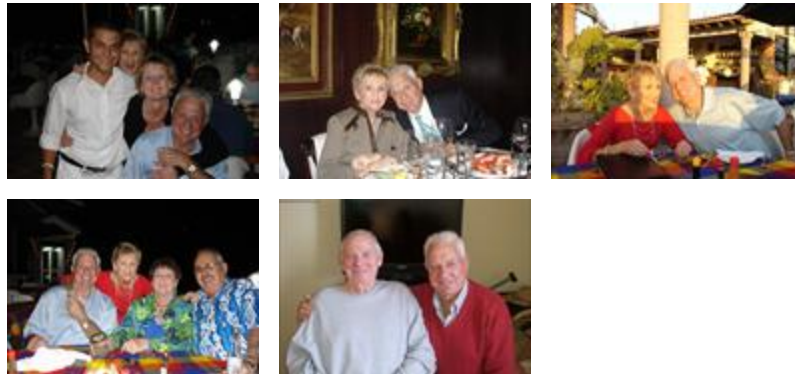


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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - January 13, 2013 at 02:48 PM



“ 11 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - January 13, 2013 at 01:01 PM

JM

“ *The many memories we have of Joe are now treasured ones. Joe was our mentor, business partner, but most of all trusted friend. A special man and professional. He and Sue had a wonderful loving partnership that we all should learn from. Goodbye our friend. Heaven will never be the same with JOE D. there!*

*Jimmy and Shari McClendon*

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**Jimmy and Shari McClendon** - January 11, 2013 at 05:26 AM

JD

*I have known Joe since 1990 and as time passed and changed, the one constant was Joe's smile, his charm and witty personalty. He always cared for others and never met a stranger. Our annual Memorial Classic golf event will miss one of the stars...Joe.*

Jed Dunnichay - January 11, 2013 at 10:45 AM

FW

“ *Frances K. Wagener lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



Frances K. Wagener - January 10, 2013 at 10:45 PM

DG

“ *We were saddened to learn of Joe's passing. He was a true gentlemen. He was a sharp dressed man. He was highly respected. He was a friend who reached out to us when we got our start many years ago & for that we will always be grateful. We will never forget him & his contagious smile :)  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Sue, and family.*

*Bill & Dee Glenn  
Mannford Funeral Home  
Mannford, OK*

Dee Ann Glenn - January 10, 2013 at 09:21 PM

SC

“ *Joe was my friend.  
Sam Cecil, former Champion Chemical salesman*

Sam Cecil - January 10, 2013 at 08:46 PM

LB

“ *Linda Nix Black sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



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**Linda Nix Black** - January 10, 2013 at 08:19 PM

LB

*Dad, Garland Nix, has fabulous memories, and yes, some hysterical stories & pranks of his, Joe's & cohort's days in Hinton, Oklahoma. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and the girls, as we know well the difficult road ahead. We hope to be in touch soon. God's Speed!*

*Garland Nix, OKC, OK  
Bill & Linda Nix Black, OKC, OK  
Dathan & Teresa Nix Wilson, Stillwater, OK*

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**Linda Nix Black** - January 10, 2013 at 08:34 PM

PH

“ *Joe was a true gentleman and I enjoyed his company at the Memorial Classic.*

*Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,  
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.  
~Author Unknown*



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**Perry Hasselbeck** - January 10, 2013 at 03:20 PM

BJ

“ *Bill Stittsworth, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



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**Bill Stittsworth, Jr.** - January 10, 2013 at 01:27 PM

CM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*The Martins  
Martin Funeral Home  
Elk City, OK*

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**Craig Martin** - January 10, 2013 at 01:01 PM

EJ

“ *I will Joe's smiling face and positive attitude.*

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**Elaine Moore Jones** - January 10, 2013 at 11:10 AM

MO

“ *Moore Funeral Homes Inc. Tusa, Oklahoma lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



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**Moore Funeral Homes Inc. Tusa, Oklahoma** - January 10, 2013 at 10:01 AM

JH

“ *John Harris lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



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**John Harris** - January 10, 2013 at 09:13 AM

DT

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out for the Westherford family as well as the staff/co-workers at the funeral home.*

*David H. Twiford  
Twiford Funeral Homes  
Elizabeth City, NC*



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**David H. Twiford** - January 10, 2013 at 09:09 AM

TS

“ *Taron W. Smith lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



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**Taron W. Smith** - January 10, 2013 at 08:30 AM

TS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Weatherford family. Joe was one of my first playing partners in the Memorial Classic in Vegas and a great friend ! He will be missed by many!*

*Taron Smith  
D.O. McComb and Sons  
Fort Wayne, IN.*

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**Taron W. Smith** - January 10, 2013 at 08:30 AM

RS

“ *Rogers Funeral Home And Staff lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



Rogers Funeral Home and Staff - January 10, 2013 at 08:19 AM

RS

*Rogers Funeral Home and Staff*

Rogers Funeral Home and Staff - January 10, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MC

“ *Joe, you will deeply missed. I really did think that you would live forever. In our 30 years of friendship, I never once saw you without a smile on your face and a kind word of some sort for me. Never in a bad mood or cranky, you were such a great mentor and teacher to so very many of us. When I first met you I was just a kid trying to learn how to be the best I could be...you were always there with an amazing level of respect, humor and encouragement. I have so many great memories of hanging out with you, you always made feel like I was one of the gang. Thanks Joe for all you did for those of us in the funeral profession. I loved you and will never forget you.*

Mike Carter - January 10, 2013 at 06:25 AM

AG

“ *Anthony Guerra lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



Anthony Guerra - January 09, 2013 at 09:57 PM

JW

“ I just don't know where to begin...Joe has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Joe & Sue gave all us kids love & support no matter what we tried to accomplish...always with a smile & a hug & usually with assurance how great we were even when he teased you. My life was made better because of his kindness. I will cherish the many memories for the rest of my days. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of someone so special to so many.

*Jessica "Trixie" Williams*

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**Jessica "Trixie" Sparkman Williams** - January 09, 2013 at 09:02 PM

NG

“ What wonderful memories I have of Joe. Everywhere he traveled he ran into someone he knew. His great smile filled any room he entered with such warmth. Life was always a fun adventure with Joe, he lived it to the fullest. My thoughts and prayers are with you-- Sue, Sherri, Shelly and the rest of his family. He is missed!

*Nancy Goldenberg*

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**Nancy Goldenberg** - January 09, 2013 at 07:46 PM

JG

“ I have so many fond memories of Joe going back to when I was just a child. Some of my favorites were trips to Mexico with him. I will always remember his smile that would warm a room and put you right at ease. He truly was one of a kind. My deepest condolences go out to Sue, Sherri, and Shelly and their family. The neighborhood will not be the same without Joe!

*John Goldenberg*

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**John Goldenberg** - January 09, 2013 at 05:30 PM

CH

“ My condolences to Shelly and the family. I know you will miss your dad. Just from having conversations with you about him I knew he was a great guy. When you spoke of your father you always had a gleam in your eye. I challenge you to keep his legacy alive by sharing his stories with others. Know that you all are in my prayers.



*Blessings*

*Cheryl Holifield*

*Chapel Hill-Butler Funeral Home and Cemetery  
Kansas City, Kansas*

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**Cheryl Holifield** - January 09, 2013 at 03:26 PM

IL

“ Joe Weatherford could be known as Mr. Smiles. We always had fun at the past presidents luncheon at OFDA Convention. I will miss seeing him at the upcoming convention. He was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Sue and your family.

*Irene Lanman*

*Lanman Funeral Home, Inc.*

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**Irene Lanman** - January 09, 2013 at 01:39 PM

CB

“ I cant even say how long I have known Joe, but many, many years. And in all that time, I never once saw him without a smile. What a great guy! He will me missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers for his family and his many friends. Rest in peace, my friend.

*Cheryl Froman Bagnell*

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**Cheryl Froman Bagnell** - January 09, 2013 at 01:29 PM

CM

“ *The Neal family has been so blessed to have had Joe in our lives. We send our heartfelt prayers to Sue, Sherri and Shelly. Joe was one of a kind!*

*With Love,  
Bill, Jan, Sally and Chrissie*

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**Chris Neal Mais** - January 09, 2013 at 10:12 AM

NU

“ *Nancy Hayes Uhren lit a candle in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



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**Nancy Hayes Uhren** - January 09, 2013 at 08:45 AM