



Johnny Gene Claborn

July 12, 1933 - October 28, 2012

Johnny “Gene” Claborn Sr., 79, of Okmulgee passed away peacefully on Sunday afternoon, October 28, 2012. Gene was born on July 12, 1933 in Dustin, OK to Lonnie and Sue Claborn. He graduated from Graham High School in 1951 and then voluntarily served in the United States Army as a cook and mess sergeant during the Korean conflict. Upon completion of his military service, Gene worked various jobs in Nebraska, California, and Henryetta, OK before he continued his education at OSU Technical College Okmulgee (“OSU Tech”). At OSU Tech, he won an outstanding student award and earned a technical degree in diesel mechanics. After Gene graduated, he was employed as a diesel mechanic by Stubbs Transport of Henryetta for 8 years. In 1966, Gene launched his teaching career at OSU Tech as a diesel mechanics instructor. He encouraged his students to excel through the Diesel Mechanics VICA Club in which he was an active leader. During his years of instructorship, Gene also completed his bachelor’s degree from OSU. Gene retired from OSU Tech in the spring of 1992 after 26 years of dedicated service.

Gene married Virginia “Ginny” Claborn on December 28, 1956, and they were happily married for almost 57 years. Gene and Ginny had two sons, John and Larry. Gene was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Dustin Masonic Lodge No. 336, of which he was a member for 54 years. One of Gene’s favorite past times was enjoying morning coffee with friends at local cafés. In his spare time, Gene rebuilt trucks and provided lawn mowing services with his wife and

grandsons. Gene was a loyal member of Town and Country Christian Church of Okmulgee for 20 years.

Gene is survived by his wife, Virginia "Ginny" Claborn, as well as two sons, Johnny "John" Claborn, Jr. of Okmulgee and fiancé, Linda Greene, and Larry Claborn and wife, Tiffany, of Elmwood, IL. He is also survived by 2 grandchildren, Stephen Claborn, and wife, Krista, of Monmouth, IL and Christopher Claborn of Boulder, CO. His surviving siblings include his brother, Rick Claborn, and wife, Amy, of Vinita, OK and his sister, Margaret Lewis, of Oxford, MS. Gene was a proud uncle and great-uncle to a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, Lonnie and Sue Claborn, of Okmulgee and brother, James Orville Claborn, of Morris and 3 nephews. He was a friend to everyone and never knew a stranger. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He will be missed by family and many close friends.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at 1:30 at the Town and Country Christian Church in Okmulgee with Pastors Tim Reeves and Timothy Craighton officiating. Interment will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery in Henryetta. Friends may view at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee on Tuesday from 1:00 – 8:00 P.M. The family will greet guests at the church on Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. prior to the funeral service.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

Henryetta, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **30**. 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

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Town and Country Christian Church
36th Street and Hwy 75
Okmulgee, OK

Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Town and Country Christian Church
36th Street and Hwy 75
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Gene Claborn

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ I was glad to have cut Genes hair for the last 20 plus years. I was always impressed with his work ethic and outlook on life. My prayers are with the Claborn family.

Roger Kovarik - November 02, 2012 at 07:25 PM



“ When I started as a new instructor at OSUIT, Gene was one of the outstanding instctors that took me under wing and showed me how technical training should be done. As graduates return to see what is new at OSUIT, Gene is one of the instructors they always ask about. Gene was responsible for many young men getting the great training that have allowed them to be successful in their career and provide very well for their families. Thank you Gene.

Roy Achemire - October 31, 2012 at 12:47 PM



“ Gene was a good friend of many years....always had a smile and a pleasant greeting...a good family man...a great teacher...a super friend.



Jeneane Campbell - October 30, 2012 at 08:23 AM

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“ I have had the honor of knowing dthe Claborn family since childhood. Mr (Gene) Claborn was one of the finest men I have ever known. My heart goes out to Mrs. (Ginny) Claborn and both Johnny and Larry. He will be missed dearly.

Rocky McIntosh - October 30, 2012 at 07:43 AM

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Thoughts & Prayers to Ginny & family. We enjoyed seeing Gene when we were on our trips to Okmulgee & most of the time it was at breakfast. He & I new several friends from Graham,Dustin,Weleetka & it was always a pleasure to visit with him-he will be missed. Jean & Jim Rhodes, Bella Vista, ARK

Norma Jean Rhodes - November 01, 2012 at 09:14 AM