



## Joseph Henry Arnold

April 10, 1947 - September 4, 2025

Joseph Henry Arnold, 78, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, passed away Thursday, September 4, 2025, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born Thursday, April 10, 1947 on a family vacation in Wakefield, Rhode Island, to Henry Joseph and Mary Lue (Sanders) Arnold.

He attended Okmulgee High School and graduated with the class of 1966. On July 16, 1968, he married the love of his life, Rebecca Cline at the First Christian Church of Okmulgee.

A man of many talents and passions, he found joy in golfing, gardening, working in the yard, and woodworking. In high school, he excelled as a fullback and defensive end and proudly held the school shot put record. His athleticism contributed to him placing 3rd in the state for shot put that same year. He had a love for OU Sooners football and was an avid fan.

While serving in the military, he and Becky were stationed in Panama from 1968 to 1970, where he was a Military Police Officer in the Army. During his service he continued his love of sports by playing and pitching softball.

After his service, he dedicated 26 years to working on the pipeline. He served as the lead film interpreter on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and later became a Certified Welding Inspector. His career also included roles at Muskogee Metal Fab and he retired from Air Exchangers at the Port of Catoosa.

Joe is preceded in death by both his parents, Henry Joseph and Mary Lue Arnold, and sister, Paula Wallace.

He is survived by his wife, Becky Arnold, his daughters, Crystal Burgess and

husband Brian and Lana Watkins and husband Duane, grandchildren, Tiffani Burgess, Trent Burgess, Tanner Burgess, Tori Burgess, Madison Welch and husband Cory, and Mason Watkins, great grandchildren, Kamden Welch, Kallie Jo Welch, Taytum Burgess, and Kaylor Welch, sister, Jacquetta Gormly and husband Calvin, and brother-in-law, Raymond Wallace, along with many other loving family members.

He had a heart full of love for his family—especially his grandbabies and great-grandbabies, who meant the world to him. His legacy lives on through the family he cherished, the work he took pride in, and the memories held dear by all who knew him.

Friends may visit the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee from 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Family will be present to greet friends from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Okmulgee, Oklahoma with Reverend Johnny Wagner officiating. Interment will follow in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Trent Burgess, Mason Watkins, Tanner Burgess, Cory Welch, Duane Watkins, and Brian Burgess.

Arrangements and services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Joe's Tribute Page of our website. [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Okmulgee Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP 9. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-1677  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
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## Visitation

SEP 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 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 Joseph Henry Arnold



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - September 08, 2025 at 05:23 PM

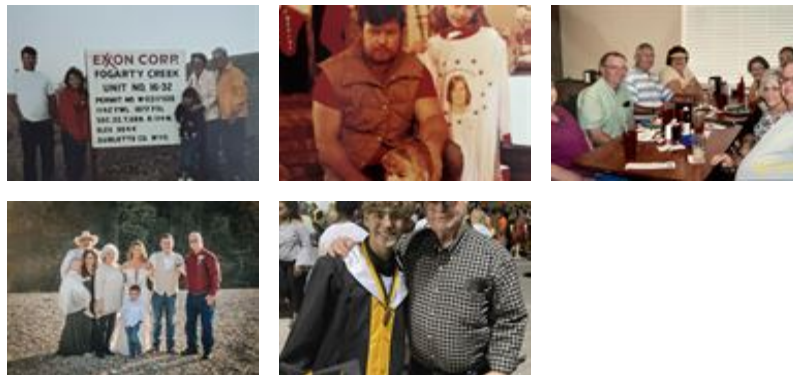
GA

Beautiful family, beautiful life.

Gail Allred - September 09, 2025 at 01:22 PM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - September 08, 2025 at 07:50 PM



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - September 08, 2025 at 05:20 PM

GA

“ Gail Allred sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Henry Arnold



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**Gail Allred** - September 06, 2025 at 11:21 PM

KW

“ Our condolences to Becky & the family. Karin Phelps Williams & David Williams

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**KARIN WILLIAMS** - September 06, 2025 at 02:06 PM

KA

“ Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Joseph Henry Arnold



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**Kim Angle** - September 06, 2025 at 09:58 AM

RK

“ Condolences to the Joe Arnold family. One of my favorite customers at the Barber Shop, Joe was a great guy with a sense of humor. I enjoyed the times we played golf together. Joe will be greatly missed by us both. Ralph & Roger Kovarik

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**Ralph Kovarik** - September 05, 2025 at 09:15 PM



*May The Lord Comfort this family as they go through this trial. We ask for Grace sufficient in this hour!! Sending hugs love and Prayers!!!*

**Linda Siegenthaler Chambers** - September 06, 2025 at 09:19 AM

BB

*“ Joe was such a great husband and father. Always remember him building the scrapbooking room for us to enjoy. We all appreciated that so much. You're family has so many wonderful memories to look back on with Joe. Becky I love you ❤️ and am praying for you as you walk through the coming days and weeks. Our Father will certainly take good care of you and your family.*

*Barbara J Bullard*

**Barbara Bullard** - September 05, 2025 at 08:11 PM

DM

*“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Henry Arnold*



**David Miller** - September 05, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SA

*“ miss becky it,s your girl sarah i,m sorry for your loss and he was a good candy man your frind sarah robins*

**sarah** - September 05, 2025 at 05:31 PM

DH

*“ RIP my friend and former Bulldog football and track athlete. Doug Hamilton, Hockley, Texas.*

**doug hamilton** - September 05, 2025 at 05:24 PM

KB

*My condolences to my friend, Becky Arnold and the Arnold family. My heart hurts for all of you for your loss. May you have comfort from our Lord. 🙏*

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**Kathy Brauch** - September 05, 2025 at 05:57 PM