



## Norval Dean Toombs

July 25, 1928 - October 1, 2010

DEAN TOOMBS, SR.

Dean Toombs, Sr., was called Home to his Lord and Savior on Friday, October 1, 2010. His final days were spent at his Preston home of 46 years, surrounded by his family and the many friends that Dean loved and influenced throughout his very memorable 80 years on this earth. He drew his last breaths with his devoted daughters by his side.

Norval Dean Toombs was born July 25, 1930, in Morris, Oklahoma, to Jeff and Attice Toombs. He attended Okmulgee High and earned an Associate's degree from Okmulgee Tech. As a teenager, Dean proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married his sweetheart-for-life, Mildred Ledean Pebworth, on December 10, 1949, in Wilburton, Oklahoma. He then began his 30-year career with Southwestern Bell Telephone, leaving only to again serve his beloved country during the Korean era, in the U.S. Air Force. Dean returned to his career and answered the calling on his life. He was an ordained minister and pastored many churches in Oklahoma, including the former Full Gospel Baptist Church of Okmulgee. Brother Toombs' loving, always-scriptural preaching and counseling led many souls to Christ.

He is survived by his daughter, Colleen Toombs, of the home; his son, Jeff

Toombs, of Okmulgee; his daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Clif Neathery of Okmulgee; his daughter, Aloha Kawaii Toombs, of Okmulgee; grandchildren Melony Marie Rector, Cindy Whitmore, Casey Dailey, Jesse Miller, Brandi Neathery, Jenny Toombs, and Gracie Ledean & Kenny Dean Kuykendall; great-grandchildren Jacee, Maddie, Sammy, Christine, & Elisha Dailey, Camden Rector, and Justis Miller; sister and brother-in-law, Billie and Don Holland, & family of Logansport, Louisiana; and sister-in-law, Alberta Studeman & family of Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Brother Toombs was preceded in death by his cherished wife of nearly 52 years, Mildred Ledean Toombs; his eldest son, Dean Toombs, Jr.; parents Jeff and Attice Toombs; brothers Aster Lee, Willard, Donald, and Louis Toombs; and his sister, Martha Ruth Sample.

Dean served the Lord faithfully for nearly 60 years. He devoted his life to God, his country, and his family. His love of each and to his fellow man was evident to everyone he ever met. He was a man of devout Faith, substance and morals, the likes of which are rarely seen in today's world. His loving, Godly ways, tempered with strength of character and devotion to family were truly remarkable. Always sharp as a tack and extremely well-read, Dean considered his "common/horse sense" a far more valuable asset. He was, indeed, a glass-half-full type of man. This was evidenced in his positive attitude throughout his life, including his battle with terminal cancer, and can be summed up by one of his favorite pieces of advice: "Take the good and let the bad float right on by ya'." Dean Toombs will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched during his journey here. While hearts are breaking at his passing from this life, they are simultaneously rejoicing in their certainty that he has gone Home to be with his Jesus and to reunite with his sweetheart, son, and other Christian loved ones who left this life before him.

Services celebrating the life of this much-loved, extraordinary man will be held Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at 10 a.m. in the McClendon-Winters chapel in

Okmulgee. His earthly body will then be transported, by horse-drawn carriage, to his resting place beside his wife, Mildred, at Okmulgee Cemetery. A short, graveside service will follow. Pallbearers will be Clif Neathery, Jesse Miller, Jarrett Rector, Coyie Gunter, Jr., Todd Stringfellow, and Larry Snowden. Dean's grandson, Kenny Dean Kuykendall, will serve as an Honorary Pallbearer. (Viewing will be held Tuesday, October 5, from noon to 8 p.m., with family present from 5 to 7 p.m. to accept condolences.)

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norval Dean Toombs*

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December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *I am very sorry to just find out about uncle Dean's passing. My memories of Uncle Dean are those of a kind person with a warm smile and twinkle in his eyes. I am truly sorry for the family's loss but know that his faith has carried him to a better place.##imported-begin##Barry Toombs##imported-end##*

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March 30, 2011 at 11:25 PM



“ *Aloha,  
I am deeply sorry to hear of the passing of your father.*

*Although I did not know your dad. As I read his obituary, I knew that he was an exceptional man.*

*Your dad will always be with you; his spirit and good will be part of you no matter where you go. I know that you wanted, needed, and hoped for more time to spend with your father but the time you did spend with him meant so much to the both of you. God gives us examples on this earth of how we should live our lives and your father was an excellent example to all.##imported-begin##Mary Sanderson##imported-end##*

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October 05, 2010 at 02:03 PM



“ Words cannot express my sorrow at your passing, Daddy. You are the most wonderful Daddy for which a girl could ever, ever ask. I have a huge hole in my heart from missing you, but I rejoice that you are now with God & your sweetheart-for-life, Momma. I loved you all your days & will love you all of mine. XOXOXOXOXO MWUAH!!!##imported-begin##Aloha Kawaii Toombs##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 01:49 PM



*Hello Aloha, My name Seth Thomas Winner, I am sorry for the loss of your father. I do believe that I served with Mr. Toombs, Son Norval Dean Toombs in 1970 in The Marine Corps at Camp LeJeune, NC. I live in Colorado, now I use to live in La Harpe, KS and Dean and his brother Jeff came up to visit me around 1973 - 1975.*

**Seth Thomas Winner** - December 04, 2020 at 08:11 PM



*Hello, Mr. Winner. Thank you for your service, Sir.*

*I believe my big brother Dean is, indeed, the fellow Marine you knew. Sadly, we lost my big brother on 6/29/1983, when he was only 32. You obviously know we lost Daddy in 10/2010. Sadly, our Momma passed in 08/2001, my sister, Colleen, in 2014, and the brother you met, Jeff, in 07/2023. In addition, Dean's only child, Jennifer Lynn Toombs also passed at age 32, on 7/21/2015.*

*After Dean's death, my parents adopted her, so she was both my niece and my little sister. Of the 6 of us kids, there are only two of us left - me and my sister, Nancy. I am now 59 (I can't believe that!), & Nancy just turned 68 this month.*

*I must confess that my son, Kenneth Dean, saw this post a couple of years ago & informed me. I started a response to you then but guess I never sent it. I appreciate you reaching out. I will attempt to find you on Facebook. I am there My surname is again Toombs.*

**Aloha Toombs** - August 22, 2025 at 05:37 PM