



## Philip Morris Benson

October 4, 1936 - August 12, 2016

Philip Morris "Phil" Benson was born in Ada, Oklahoma on October 4, 1936 to Edward J. and Stella (Jones) Benson. He passed away on Friday evening, August 12, 2016 in Henryetta. Phil graduated from Nuyaka High School. He married Shirley Taylor in 1956.

Phil served as a fireman with the Tulsa Fire Department for 23 years. He later received his master's degree from Northeastern State University and taught high school English and history in Okmulgee and New Mexico. Phil loved horses and saddle making, and enjoyed riding his Harley. He took pride in watching his grandkids play sports and in taking wonderful care of his animals. He was a longtime member of Church of Christ, Morris.

Phil is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Stella Benson, son, Clint Benson, and sister, Paula Martin.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Shirley Benson, daughter, Beverly Kiehl and husband Tracy, son, Kevin Benson, grandchildren, Kristin Sheneman and husband Garrett, Guy Kiehl, Colton Kiehl, and Brook Kiehl, niece Margra Scheibe and husband Robert, great-niece Cassandra Scheibe, great-nephews, John C. Scheibe and David H. Scheibe, and brother-in-law, Jake Taylor and wife Kim.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Okmulgee Cemetery with Pastor Wesley Berry officiating. Friends may visit the funeral home on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to McClendon-Winters Funeral

Home of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Phil's Tribute Page of our website at [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

**AUG 17.** 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](mailto:info@mcclendon-winters.com)  
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

## Graveside Service

**AUG 18.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip Morris Benson



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - August 15, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ Philip Morris Benson

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Dear Shirley and family. I am deeply saddened to learn of my old friend's death. Phil and I were best friends as young teenagers in Broken Arrow and for years thereafter. I share your loss and sorrow. Bob Finkel (Col Robert E. Finkel, USAF Ret.)

Robert E. Finkel - August 21, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for your loss.

Harold Kiehl - August 19, 2016 at 07:01 AM

KL

“ Condolences to the family. He was my high school English literature teacher in Okmulgee. I enjoyed his class and he was a favorite teacher,

Kevan LaCroix - August 17, 2016 at 09:38 AM

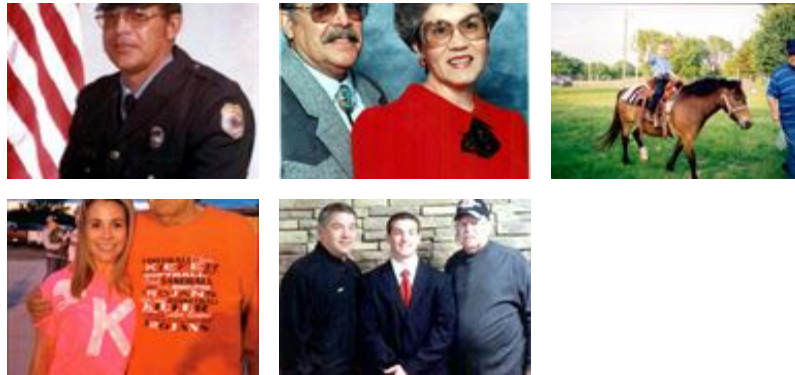
DR

“ Thoughts and prayers for you and your family Ms. Benson. Love you!

Denise Robison - August 16, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ 110 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - August 15, 2016 at 01:10 PM

TL

“ Our prayers go out to your family on the loss of a wonderful Husband, Father and Grandfather. Phil will surely be missed at our family functions that is for sure. We loved that man and his amazing smile every time we saw him. Love Orvel and Terri Ledford

Terri Ledford - August 15, 2016 at 09:59 AM

SM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Phil's passing. Our sympathy and prayers are with all of you, especially Shirley. We always enjoyed the times we shared at the church.

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**Sharlette Martin** - August 13, 2016 at 11:29 PM

GS

“ Shirley and Family, we are so terribly sorry for your loss of Phil; all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Phil was one fine fellow.



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**Glenn & Shirley Scott** - August 13, 2016 at 08:53 PM

RJ

“ Our sincere condolences to Shirley and her family. It is a sad day for the Benson and Jones families, but we know he is in a better place today. Philip and I were very close as kids, we stayed in trouble much of the time and even burned down our Grandpa's garage together. He will be missed but we can all look forward to being reunited in Heaven someday.

*Lois and Ron Jones*

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**Ron Jones** - August 13, 2016 at 06:08 PM