



Ralph Miller Kovarik

December 26, 1928 - April 25, 2018

Ralph Miller Kovarik, a longtime resident of Okmulgee, passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at the age of 89, at his home in Okmulgee. He was born on Wednesday, December 26, 1928 in Souris, North Dakota to the late Joe and Agnes (Miller) Kovarik.

Ralph graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Arkansas in 1946 and soon joined the Army serving in the 747th Engineers Heavy Equipment unit during the Korean Conflict. He later went to barber college in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he met Annie Dola Capitola Tollison and they were married for 60 years. Ralph attended OSU Tech shortly after beginning his barber career in Okmulgee studying carpentry and graduating with honors. He built the home that he and Capitola lived in until his passing. Ralph and Capitola owned and operated Ralph's Barber Shop in downtown Okmulgee for over 60 years and is still in operation by his sons Ralph and Roger. He retired in 2013 to stay home and take care of his wife till her passing in 2015. Ralph enjoyed gardening and watching ballgames on TV and doing "honeymoos" for Capitola.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, brother, Clifford and a sister, Eva Curry.

Ralph is survived by three sons, James Ray & Kazuko Kovarik of Moore, Oklahoma, Ralph J. Kovarik of Jenks, Oklahoma and Roger Kovarik of Jenks,

Oklahoma, sister, Wilma Garber of Granby, Colorado and numerous nieces and nephews. A special thanks to his caregiver for the last three years, Anna Banks, who the family could not have done without. Also a special thanks to Rivercross Hopice for their compassion and care.

Funeral Services for Ralph will be held on Tuesday, at 11:00 A.M. at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Kevin Wadsworth and Chaplin Jimmy Foreman of Rivercross Hospice will officiate. Interment will follow the service at the Okmulgee Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Bob Pinkston, Mike Flud, Dave Miller, Bill Nygard, Steve Sigmon and Jay Dearmore.

Viewing for Ralph will be on Monday, April 30, 2018 at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel from 1:00 P.M. till 8 P.M. The family will be present for visitation from 5:00 P.M. till 7:00 P.M.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 30. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

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Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 26, 2018 at 06:28 PM

SO

Beautiful tribute to Ralph.

Seretha Ott - April 26, 2018 at 10:45 PM



Sharon
Terry

so sorry for the loss. My husband and I got to know Ralph and Cappy when I worked at Daylight Donuts they used to come in every day. they were wonderful people sure do miss them both.

Sharon Terry - April 30, 2018 at 01:41 PM

JN

He was so patient as he drove Cappy around for years in the Cadillac. I'm sad to hear of his passing. Peace be with all family and friends.

Jill Nance - May 01, 2018 at 08:19 AM



Kameron
Vaughn

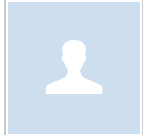
My daddy went to this man for years an I continued the tradition with my boy's RIP, tell my daddy I love him, you will be missed

Kameron Vaughn - May 01, 2018 at 08:32 AM



Sorry to learn of Ralph's passing, I often attempted to cut my husband's hair and would have to go to the Barber Shop and let Ralph straighten it up. I always sat and watched and they always made me feel welcome. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for his family and all his friends..RIP Ralph

Linda Gray - September 06, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ *Ralph Miller Kovarik*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Linda Gray lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik*




Linda Gray - May 18, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ *Janie Weller lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik*



janie weller - May 01, 2018 at 08:58 PM

 Peggy
Myers
Fisher

“ Taking care of my mom for many years, I know what you guys went through. It's very hard to watch your parents decline. The parents that take care us , we take care of them. It's hard to let go, but a peace will come over your heart and mind . Just to know your parents are together again. Bless you both.



Peggy Myers Fisher - April 30, 2018 at 11:28 PM

 Sharon
Terry

“ Sharon Terry lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik



Sharon Terry - April 30, 2018 at 01:55 PM

KF

“ Kenny Melton & Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik



Kenny Melton & Family - April 30, 2018 at 07:06 AM

LF

“ Larry Child Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik



Larry Child family - April 28, 2018 at 11:21 PM

LF

**Larry Child family*

Larry Child family - April 28, 2018 at 11:22 PM

DM

“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik



david miller - April 27, 2018 at 01:46 PM

JD

“ Jay Dearmore lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik



Jay Dearmore - April 27, 2018 at 12:37 PM

SO

“ Ralph, was one of the kindest, most professional and family man I have known. I was blessed to have stayed with Cappy and Ralph during her illness, I got to see the funny and humorist side of him. I Never dreamed of becoming a Drill Sargent and he gave me that honor. They would be so proud to have such devoted son's who put them first until the end. Now it is time for your new normal, maybe go to a ball game you deserve it. Blessings to your family!

Seretha Ott - April 27, 2018 at 11:01 AM

GT

“ Gerald Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik



Gerald Thompson - April 27, 2018 at 09:47 AM

GT

I know how much he loved baseball and can always remember coming in on Saturdays to get a haircut and the TV was always on baseball game!

Gerald Thompson - April 27, 2018 at 09:48 AM

GT

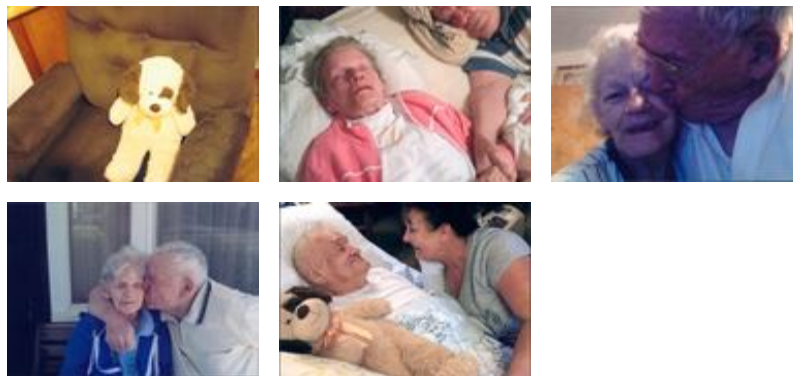
“ Gerald Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik



Gerald Thompson - April 27, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 26, 2018 at 05:21 PM

AB

“ What can I say without 😭😭😭😭😭.

Ralph was my friend my buddy!!!

I have so many great memories of him to carry through. Knowing I gave him a good last few years. I'm so glad that I got to know him and you boys. Now you can live a life knowing you did a great job with your parents. Their looking down watching y'all and are so greatful in how you stood by them all these years. Ralph my buddy I love you

See you again one day .

Anna Banks - April 26, 2018 at 03:38 PM

RK

Couldn't have done it without you.

Roger Kovarik - April 26, 2018 at 04:24 PM

DC

“ *Ralph Jr and Roger, your Dad was a fine person. He loved you, and I know by your sacrifices, and care for him, that you indeed loved him. It was a privilege to care for your Dad and to meet you both. Ralph Sr is smiling, and walking with Jesus and your mom.*

Debbie Cobb - April 26, 2018 at 01:52 PM

CD

“ *Charla Davis lit a candle in memory of Ralph Miller Kovarik*



Charla Davis - April 26, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ *Steven Sanders lit a candle in memory of
Ralph Miller Kovarik*



Steven Sanders - April 26, 2018 at 06:39 AM