



Ronnie Kay Efurd

October 2, 1943 - April 12, 2023

Ronnie Kay Efurd passed away at the age of 79 years on April 12, 2023 in Beggs, Oklahoma. He was born on October 2, 1943 to Jack Johnson and Beulah Mae Conaway Efurd in Mansfield, Arkansas.

Ron enlisted in the US Navy in 1964, where he served his country during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1968. Ron enjoyed participating in the annual USS Ogden LPD-5 Reunion Association, and for a time served as president of the association. Ron was a MM2 Machinist Mate 2nd Class. He served with distinction and was awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal with a Silver Star, National Defense Medal and the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

Ron was Master Mason of the Reid Lodge #163 in Mansfield, Arkansas and received his 32nd degree at the Scottish Rite Masonic Lodge in Austin, Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Beggs, Oklahoma.

Ron graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK with a Bachelor's degree in Education. Ron was retired, but had previously taught at Preston Public Schools.

Ron is survived by his wife, Arlene Factor Efurd, his daughter Angela Rae Efurd, his dear friend David Pless all of Beggs and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Beulah Efurd, and brothers Bill Efurd and Connie Efurd.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 11 A.M. at McClendon-Winters Funeral Home at 303 E. 7th St., Okmulgee, OK.

Immediately following the memorial service, a graveside service with military honors will be observed at the Okmulgee Cemetery. After the services, a meal and time of sharing will be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Claude Cox Omniplex (The Dome) located at 2950 Warrior Rd, Okmulgee, OK.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of Ron to the USS Ogden LPD-5 Reunion Association. These funds will be used to establish a scholarship in Ron's name. Please direct donations to: Attn: In Memory of Ronnie Efurd, CDR Mark Stephens, 297 Drehersville Rd., Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Ron's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronnie Kay Efurd



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 20, 2023 at 02:32 PM

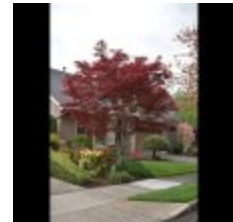
KA

“ So many memories with Mr. Efurd He had a certain way of teaching and wasn't afraid to teach the truth. He will be missed
#Class2005

kyle acton - April 25, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Ronnie Kay Efurd.



April 21, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Ronnie Kay Efurd.



April 21, 2023 at 08:28 PM

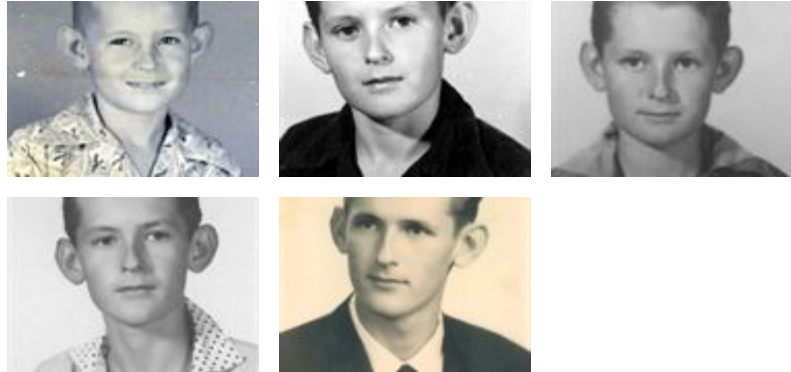
CD

“ *The Class of 2004 always knew that the best way to get Mr. Efurd fired up was to bring up the J.F.K assassination! I can still see the parade route he'd draw out on the chalkboard... Never a dull moment in his class! You made such huge impact on everyone around you!*

Chelsie Brown - Drinnon - April 21, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ 87 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - April 20, 2023 at 02:30 PM

ML

“ *The most patient and kind teacher I met while at Preston High School. Many prayers for his wife and daughter during this time.*

Marlena Locke - April 19, 2023 at 05:08 AM

CC

“ *Clay Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Kay Efurd*



Clay Copenhaver - April 19, 2023 at 12:47 AM

CC

“ *One of the best teachers I ever had.*

Clay Copenhaver - April 19, 2023 at 12:46 AM

RK

“ *We had wonderful times over the years at our barber shop with Ron.. he will surely be missed.*

Ralph Kovarik - April 18, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KB

“ *Ronnie was one of the best people I've ever known. He and Arlene were always so kind. You will always be in my heart forever.*

Karen Bullard - April 17, 2023 at 09:52 PM

CS

“ *I'm so sorry. Mr. Efurd was one of a kind. He was so passionate about teaching and was an amazing person.*

celesta stump - April 17, 2023 at 12:10 AM

AT

“ *Mr.Efurd was my favorite teacher in school and don't get him started on the assassination of J.K.F. He made learning so much fun. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Ashley Tenison - April 16, 2023 at 11:36 PM

KB

“ *Angie, I'm so deeply sorry for the loss of your father.*

Kathy Brison - April 16, 2023 at 10:56 PM

VB

“ Vicki Brose lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Kay Efurd



Vicki Brose - April 16, 2023 at 05:25 PM

BE

“ Thoughts & prayers with you Angie. Love, Becky & Dolly Bartlett

Beckyschauer - April 16, 2023 at 05:16 PM

PB

“ Sending prayers for comfort and peace. Patrick and Marie Braud

Patrick and Marie Braud - April 16, 2023 at 03:24 PM

SS

“ So sorrow to hear about ur lost. God bless u Edwina and ur family. Ronnie was a good man in all ways.



shirley Exum Saulsberry - April 16, 2023 at 03:18 PM

AE

“ Words cannot express our sorrow for Ronnie's passing.



A. D. and Gail Ellis - April 16, 2023 at 02:56 PM

B.

“ Sincere condolences to his wife and family.
Fly high Ronnie. ❤️❤️🙏🙏



B.lou - April 16, 2023 at 02:32 PM

KB

Condolences

Kathryn and John Bell - April 16, 2023 at 02:55 PM

HT

“ Harvey & Carolyn Torix lit a candle in memory
of Ronnie Kay Efurd



Harvey & Carolyn Torix - April 16, 2023 at 11:35 AM

HT

Our love and sincere condolences to you, Arlene, Angie, and David.
May Ron rest in peace until we all meet again.

Harvey & Carolyn Torix - April 16, 2023 at 11:41 AM

PB

“ Paula Wade Blair lit a candle in memory of
Ronnie Kay Efurd



Paula Wade Blair - April 16, 2023 at 08:23 AM

ST

“ Getting to know Arlene about 33 years ago now, meant getting to know Ronnie, especially during the Ogden reunions. What a joy to have known him, always kind, always funny, and always especially generous to me. I will miss him dearly. Godspeed, Ronnie.

Sharon Thomas - April 16, 2023 at 01:27 AM

ST

“ Sharon Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Kay Efurd



Sharon Thomas - April 16, 2023 at 01:21 AM

CH

“ CHERYL HAWKINS lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Kay Efurd



CHERYL HAWKINS - April 16, 2023 at 12:07 AM

CH

“ Mr. Efurd had me design a Preston Pirate watch for him. We discussed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy all the time. I thought he was pretty cool.

CHERYL HAWKINS - April 16, 2023 at 12:07 AM

SF

“ *Sheila Ramirez & Family lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Kay Efurd*



Sheila Ramirez & Family - April 15, 2023 at 10:55 PM

SR

Our prayers are with you both.

Sheila Ramirez - April 15, 2023 at 10:57 PM

RW

“ *Robyn Whitecloud lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Kay Efurd*



Robyn Whitecloud - April 15, 2023 at 10:07 PM