



## Shelton B. Ray

September 16, 1928 - September 25, 2020

Shelton B. Ray, a longtime Okmulgee resident, passed away Friday, September 25, 2020 at St. John Medical Center. He was 92 years of age. He was born September 16, 1928 in Tahlequah to the late Edward and Nettie (Kirby) Ray. Shelton grew up in the Tahlequah area and later moved to the family farm in Durant. Shelton moved to California to complete his high school education. After graduation he joined the United States Marine Corp. becoming a Corporal stationed at the Ammunition Depot in Hawthorne, Nevada and later was a member of the Army Reserves for two years. He attended a technical school where he trained to be a mechanic which served to be his lifelong career. Shelton met the love of his life Carol (Walker) in California and they married in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 16, 1955. They spent 20 years in California and moved to Okmulgee in 1968. Shelton loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed reading and tinkering around on cars. Shelton had resided with his daughter and family for the last several years.

Shelton was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife of 41 years, Carol.

Survivors include two children, son Terry Ray and wife Tonya of Fayetteville, AR, daughter, Debbie Gardenhire and husband Allen of Okmulgee, OK, grandchildren, Evan Ray of Fayetteville, AR, Carson Ray of Fayetteville, AR, Greg Ray and wife Kaley of Okmulgee, OK, Jamie Crenshaw and husband

Derrick of Jenks, OK, Kristen Hewitt and husband Travis of Wainwright, OK, Emily Thompson and husband Hunter of Okmulgee, OK, and Molly Gardenhire of the home, and 8 great grandchildren.

A private family committal will be held at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Arrangements and cremation services are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Shelton'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

# Tribute Wall



“ Shelton B. Ray

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ My heart is broken so many story's I always felt at home each time I went to his house. He always had to show me every time he got a new car or gun lawnmower I will miss his story's and adventures of his life. It was my pleasure to call him a friend and for most of us that spent almost everyday at his house (dad). May he rest in gods arms and love.

“Barber” - January 03, 2021 at 02:39 AM



“ Connie Reed lit a candle in memory of Shelton B. Ray



Connie Reed - September 29, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ guys, so very sorry for our great loss. will always remember pong, creek campouts & wasps with fond memories. peace & strength-signed, child of the 70's. god bless!



david miller - September 29, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Dollene Duff lit a candle in memory of Shelton  
B. Ray*



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**Dollene Duff** - September 29, 2020 at 12:13 PM