



William John Birlew, Sr.

July 22, 1937 - March 26, 2026

William John "Jack" Birlew, Sr., a resident of Mounds and retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2026. He was born July 22, 1937 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Jack graduated from Midwest City High School in 1955. He served in the United States Army beginning October 26, 1955 and was honorably discharged October 17, 1958. He was stationed in Okanawa, working as a radio operator. Following his time in the military, Jack earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University. He joined the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in April 19, 1960. He served as a pilot for the OHP, initially flying their Cessna 182 for speed enforcement on I-40 with three other pilots. He retired on April 8, 1985. He enjoyed aviation for many years following his retirement. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Hazel (Newton) Birlew, siblings, Denny Birlew, Raymond Birlew and Betty Birlew and former wife, Melba (Hubbell) Birlew. Survivors include his children, William John Birlew, Jr. and Michelle Birlew, grandchildren, Joshua J. Birlew and Amber Culver, and great grandchild, Alexi Phares.

A committal service will held 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 2, 2026 at the Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum in Tulsa conducted by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Honor Guard.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on William's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

9101 S. Harvard Ave.
Tulsa, OK

Previous Events

Committal Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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