

Gene Otis Fox

10-24-27 to 9-9-09

Gene Otis Fox was born in Norman, Oklahoma on October 24, 1927 to Otis and Reba (Bowles) Fox along with a twin brother, Jack Adrian who preceded him in death. He attended Grotts and Pleasant Hill School and Norman High School. Gene joined the Army and served as an MP at Hickam Field, Hawaii. Upon his return he married Evelyn Marie Grissom on June 11, 1948 and the couple resided together in Norman until her death on January 20, 2008. They raised 3 children, Tommy, Joe and Patti. Gene worked as a mailman, milk man, mechanic, sales representative for the John H. Holland Company and eventually owning his own truck. In his younger days, he and Evelyn square danced. Gene loved to help people and could fix or repair anything. He was always helping friends, family or neighbors with anything they needed. Gene was also a member of the Norman Masonic Lodge #38.

In 1982 Gene retired, bought a motor home and he and Evelyn traveled around the country enjoying life to the fullest for over 20 years. He loved traveling and seeing everything there was to see. He and Evelyn loved going to Blue Grass events wherever and whenever they could, sometimes taking the motor home and parking and listening to music for days. They often went to flea markets, etc. and spent winters in Arizona and summers in Colorado visiting with friends and acquaintances they met along the way, returning to Oklahoma to enjoy family and friends at home. He loved his children, grand children and great grandchildren who all called him "Papaw".

Preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Marie Grissom Fox, two sons, Tommy Ray Fox and Joe Neil Fox, his parents, Otis and Reba Fox, twin brother, Jack Adrian Fox and his wife Rosemary Fox, a brother, Clifford Neil Fox and his wife, Katherine Welchert Fox, brother-in-laws Ira Craig, Bob Huff, Don Northcutt, Billy Grissom and his wife Lois Grissom and Nolan Grissom, Survived by his daughter, Patti Bowman and her husband Bob Bowman of Norman, 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, sisters Sammie Craig and Muriel Huff of Norman, daughter-in-law Elissa Fox of Norman, sisters-in-law Nadine Pederson of Midwest City, Donnie Nell Northcutt of Lexington, Jo Nell Grissom of Noble, Joyce Brown and husband John of Lexington, Mona Roberts and husband Elmer of Norman, Nona Argo and husband Wayne of Norman, brothers-in-law Vernon Grissom and wife Florence of Tulsa and Gordon Grissom and wife Sharon of Noble and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Pall bearers Jeffrey Moody, Justin Fox, Doug Northcutt, Tim Grissom, Ricky Grissom, Mark Fox, Paul Fox, Steve Morren, Honorary Bearers, Elmer Roberts, Don Hightower, Jerry Warden, Joe Merkle, Leon Pierce, Bradley Bryan, Ron Smith and all of his numerous nephews, David Northcutt, Jeff Grissom, Tony Grissom, Rusty Grissom, Mark Argo, Greg Argo, Scott Grissom, Greg Smith

Services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, September 11, 2009, at Havenbrook Funeral Home with Chaplain Harry Smith officiating. Interment will follow at the Norman I.O.O.F. Cemetery with Military Honors by the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Services are under the direction of Havenbrook Funeral Home of Norman, Oklahoma.

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