



Gene Waterbury

August 25, 1948 - May 4, 2016

Gene Waterbury, 67, of McAlester, died Wednesday, May 4th, in McAlester.

Gene was born the son of Kenneth and Grace (Holt) Waterbury on Aug. 25, 1948, in Shawnee Mission, KS. He grew up in the Kansas City area and was the protector of his two younger brothers. He attended Shawnee Mission North High School, winning awards in auto mechanics class and was offered a position with Ford Motor Company when he graduated but declined the offer as he did not want to move. Instead he enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS Enterprise during the Vietnam War. During his military service he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm Leaf and Gallantry Cross. After his honorable discharge in 1971, he returned to Bartlesville to work at his family's drive-in, Brocks, until he started his sheet metal profession at Timmons Sheet Metal. In 1991, he moved to McAlester to work for Rockwell which was later acquired by Boeing, where he worked until 2005.

Gene was an avid collector of guns. He loved fishing and was a diehard Kansas City Chiefs fan. His greatest accomplishment was being a proud grandpa. He loved the Lord and enjoyed attending his Sunday School Class. He loved his country and was proud to be an American. He stayed informed on politics as well as Christian ethics and topics. While Gene was quiet and reserved, those who knew him well appreciated his sense of humor.

Gene is survived by his two children, Nikki Medina and Angel of Wichita, KS, and Jared Waterbury and Chiniqua of Hartshorne; two brothers Paul Waterbury and Linda of Sherman, TX, and Bruce Waterbury and Becky of Bartlesville; and two grandchildren, Leia Grace Medina and Kenny Waterbury. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. on Friday, May 13, at the Ft. Gibson National Cemetery in Ft. Gibson. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Gene's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
<http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftgibson.asp>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and pray you find comfort peace in Christ Jesus. Love, Hugs and Prayers. The Grizzle Family

Gwendelyn Grizzle - May 11, 2016 at 07:31 AM

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We have known Gene for a long time and was so sad to hear of his passing. He was very special to us and was always so extremely kind / friendly. Always sent us a Christmas card - he was a hard worker for our church.....we will miss him. My son Ryan Young also remembers him and sends his prayers for family.

Pat Tolson & Troyce too.

Pat Tolson - May 13, 2016 at 09:26 AM