



Lester Wayne Cummins Sr.

July 9, 1930 - March 28, 2015

Lester Wayne Cummins Sr., 84, of Dewey died Saturday March 28, 2015, in Bartlesville.

Lester was born the son of William H. Cummins Sr. and Mattie (Fox) Cummins on July 9, 1930, in Bartlesville. He was one of 12 children and Lester was raised and educated in Copan. At an early age Lester started working to help his parents which enabled his siblings to continue their education. During the Korean Conflict Lester tried to enlist but was denied entry. Finally he was drafted and served a total of 8 years in the United States Army part of which included being stationed in Alaska. At the time of his honorable discharge from the service he held the rank of Sargent 1st Class. Upon returning home he went back to work for Jim Diamond Construction as a carpenter and also worked in the oil fields.

Lester was united in marriage with Carrie Rae Johnson on Dec. 25, 1955, in Nowata, They made their home in Dewey and in 1965 moved into the home they built to raise their four children. Until his retirement Lester co-owned and operated Birmingham & Cummins General Construction in partnership with Albert Birmingham, and it specialized in building custom homes.

Lester had many passions in life but none were more important than his love for the Lord - he read his bible daily and was a witness for Christ. He was a

lifetime member of Dewey Church of the Nazarene. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, tinkering on lawnmowers, and gardening. He was a good provider and a loving husband and father, and his concern for others was always first on his mind.

Lester is survived by his loving wife of the home Carrie; three children Kim Ray Cummins of Catoosa, Denise Lorraine Foster and Phil of Dewey, and Glenda Kay Hayden and William of Wann, one brother William H "Bill" Cummins Jr. and Sue of Dewey, nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, one son Lester Wayne Cummins Jr., seven brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at Dewey Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Joel Heid officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Lester's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

MAR **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dewey First Church of the Nazarene
1401 N Wyandotte Ave.
Dewey, OK 74029

Tribute Wall

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“ Carrie, I want to let you know that I wanted to come to Lester's funeral and bring my mom, Nora Dempsey, but could not work it out. Lester and you have meant so much to my family. When I built my house in 1979, my dad (Jimmie Dempsey) recommended Lester, saying he was the best cabinet and trim man I could get. Daddy was right, as usual. Lester and Al, did an outstanding job, plus corrected everyone elses job that was not acceptable to him. I fell in love with his humor and kindness. I remember one special day I still recall often. When I drove up to the site, Lester and Al were working away, and I told him the night before I found a trianchila inside the house and how it scared me. He wasn't surprised and said that he had returned, he put it outside in the water line ditch, spanked it and really felt it wouldn't return. It didn't. Also, over the years, he called a couple of times just to check on me, and once during a really stressful time. That meant so much to me. He really was a blessing, and I am sure that he was a blessing to everyone who knew him. Carrie, I live in Mom & Dad's house now, and if you have anything come up, you call me! I mean that. I will bring mom if you ever want to chat. Warmly, Pat Dempsey

Pat Dempsey Kerbs - March 31, 2015 at 10:15 AM

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“ Sonya K. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lester Wayne Cummins Sr..



Sonya K. - March 30, 2015 at 10:31 AM

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“ *I have so many wonderful childhood memories of Uncle Lester. Milking cows, churning butter, gathering eggs from the hens, riding horseback into town, fishing, etc. We, my sister and I, spent many wonderful summer days as children hanging out with Glenda, Denise, the boys and Carrie & Lester. Peace be with you Uncle Lester. And my condolences to the family. Love you!*

Sandy Crowley (Cummins) - March 30, 2015 at 08:47 AM