



Myrle Cochran

April 1, 1946 - September 14, 2021

Myrle Lee Cochran, a longtime Bartlesville resident, was 75 when he departed his earthly home on September 14, 2021.

He was born in Bartlesville April 1, 1946, the son of Myrle Alford and Shirley Lee Cochran. Along his three siblings, he grew up in the area and attended Bartlesville Public Schools, graduating with the College High (Wildcat) Class of 1965. As a young man, he spent his summers hauling hay and learning the value of hard work at an early age. Myrle's mind was always very mechanically gifted and he not only worked on small appliances but custom built a 1956 Chevy. It was the same car he had when he later met his bride-to-be Brenda.

After graduation, Myrle joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed stateside at Cannon AFB near Clovis, New Mexico. There, at a Church of the Brethren, Myrle set eyes on Brenda. Soon after, they got married on September 10, 1967, in Clovis. Myrle transferred station to Nellis AFB near Las Vegas, Nevada, where he excelled as an aircraft mechanic and made sergeant. After his honorable discharge in 1969, Myrle attended Eastern New Mexico University where he earned his Associate's degree and graduated with summa cum laude honors. They moved to Texas before deciding to head home to Bartlesville. Myrle joined Phillips Petroleum Co. in 1976, then worked for Conoco at its Ponca City Refinery, specializing in instrumentation. He first

retired in 2008, then went back in 2010 and just kept on working, clocking in some 30 years in the oil & gas industry. Along the way, Myrle and Brenda started a family and raised two beloved children, Nickie and Mitchell. Myrle and Brenda were blessed with 54 years (just over half a century!) of loving marriage before his passing.

One constant throughout his life was Myrle liked staying busy – he was always working and when he was not on the job, his hobbies and simple pleasures kept his fingers active and mind nimble. He enjoyed solving sudoku puzzles, helping his neighbors and coworkers, and working on cars and lawn mowers. Myrle and Brenda also liked to travel, taking road trips to see historical sites, antique machinery museums, and state parks with the kids. They looked forward to having family reunions and spoiling their grandkids. Grandpa Myrle often roped in the grands' to help him fix things covered in grease. Apart from his family, Myrle loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ more than anything else in this world. While Myrle is now at peace in his heavenly home, his family and his friends on earth will miss him dearly.

Myrle is survived by his wife Brenda of the home; two children, Nickie Mangrum and Edward, and Mitchell Cochran; four grandchildren, Rylan Cochran, Erin Mangrum, Dylan Cochran, and Samuel Mangrum, brother Bill Cochran and sister Mary Beth Lindley, as well as a host of extended family, Christian brothers and sisters, and other friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Martha Cochran.

Myrle's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville, on Friday, September 17, from 6-8 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Friday from 10-8 and Saturday from 9-noon.

Services will be held 2 p.m. on Saturday, at the Davis Family Funeral Home &

Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel with Pastor Myong Hubbard officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Family and Friends Gathering

SEP 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

SEP 18. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP **18.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Myrle Cochran*



Davis Family Funeral Home - September 17, 2021 at 03:31 PM

PA

Beautiful tribute to Myrle. Hugs and prayers for all of Myrle's family. May God give you the strength you need during the days ahead and may your many fond memories comfort you.....Pam Overstreet

Pam - September 18, 2021 at 03:13 AM

VF

I can see what a wonderful and blessed life Myrle had with his precious family. We are praying for comfort and peace in the days to come for all of you who loved and will miss him. We were blessed to have known him.

With Love, Delton & Vickie Fitz and family

Vickie Fitz - September 18, 2021 at 06:32 AM

CD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Carter Davis - September 20, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JL

I enjoyed getting to know Myrle at the Fitz reunion . He was a wonderful man. The memorial video was very touching and honorable . Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Joyce Lyles - September 21, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Myrle Cochran.*



September 17, 2021 at 02:26 PM

NM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Nickie Mangrum - September 17, 2021 at 01:10 PM

PA

I love this picture of Brenda and Myrle,

Pam - September 18, 2021 at 03:23 AM

FH

“ *Myrle was the smartest man I ever knew. It didn't matter the subject or project. He could and did work and fix anything. He helped me for years at Applied Automations and keeping my old cars and tractors going. He had a photographic memory. I cannot begin to list all the things I've seen and helped him do. Cheek Owens and I were talking about him just yesterday, wondering where he was and what he was doing. Today we know. We lost a great man and friend. I have no doubt where he is, we talked about the Lord many times in our years at work. I pray God's comfort for each member of his family.*

Rest In Peace Myrle.

Sincerely your friend Fred Hicks.

Fred Hicks - September 17, 2021 at 06:30 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Myrle Cochran.*



September 16, 2021 at 05:46 PM

DR

“ *Myrle is one of the Nicest people I have ever known, he was always helping some one.*

He was a master mechanic and could fix anything. He was a joy to work with and an excellent teacher. I will never forget Myrle and will miss him greatly.

Dennis Robertson

Ponca city OK

Dennis Robertson - September 15, 2021 at 04:08 PM

CJ

Myrle was a kind and generous man. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He will be missed.

Carol Johnson - September 15, 2021 at 08:17 PM

SB

“*Condolences to the family of Myrle. We lost a kind hearted, hard working, intelligent man. Both of my kids and my wife have met this man and has help us out with things when we needed it. Rest in peace my friend!*

Scott, Kit, Alisha, and Blake Bratt

Scott Bratt - September 15, 2021 at 02:42 PM

AL

If ever a life should be celebrated, it would be Myrle's. He lived a good and wholesome life, helping, doing, and being a wonderful friend. I will miss him.

Allen Luebcke - September 15, 2021 at 02:52 PM

AL

If ever a man's life should be celebrated, it would be Myrle's. He was helpful always and very good worker. A wonderful friend. I will miss him.

Allen Luebcke - September 15, 2021 at 02:56 PM

GG

My condolences to the family of Myrle. I remember having trouble with a gas chromatograph at the gasoline blender one year. I described the symptoms to Myrle and he mulled it over for a bit. He then told me I had a bad ferrule on the upstream side of the column. But I've already checked that connection Myrle I argued. He got up, grabbed a new ferrule and handed it to me. When I spoke with him the next day to tell him he was right he just smiled. Always willing to help anyone who asked. I will miss Myrle.

Greg Gibson - September 15, 2021 at 03:59 PM

PB

Merle was an extremely talented man, also very courageous. I always said of Merle: He wasn't afraid to overhaul the Space Shuttle then hop in and fly it into space!

Perry Badley - September 15, 2021 at 05:22 PM

GR

I enjoyed talking with Myrle about cars and other mechanical things. He was a wealth of knowledge. He will be missed.

Grady Rickman - September 15, 2021 at 06:41 PM

KS

Prayers for the family. He was a friend to Jim during the AAI days. Hug, Jim & Kim Scherman

kim foust scherman - September 15, 2021 at 09:56 PM

ES

So sorry to hear about Myrle's passing. Sorry we didn't get to visit more but about him and Brenda often! Dave and Elaine Stanford

Elaine Stanford - September 16, 2021 at 06:32 PM

RJ

Prayers for the family. He was a joy to work with. Always ready to help you. Rose Just

Rose Just - September 16, 2021 at 10:52 PM



My condolences to the family. I had the pleasure to work with Myrle for 21 years. The day I arrived to the refinery to interview he grabbed me and drove me all through the refinery on a tour. He was a great mentor. He worked on everything mechanical that my entire family owned. Recently we were talking about a conversation he overheard me having with my father about a rototiller that he could not get started. I ran a few errands after work and went by my fathers house and there Myrle was. Talking in the driveway of a neighbors. He had fixed the tiller and was then working on a boat of the neighbors. I don't think he ever passed a stranded motorist or a person needing help. Myrle will be missed.

William Lee - September 17, 2021 at 05:27 AM