

## William M. "Bill" Grimes

March 21, 1931 - June 24, 2015

William M. "Bill" Grimes, 84, of Dewey died Wednesday in Bartlesville.

Bill was born the son of William A. and Margaret (Wilson) Grimes on March 21, 1931, in Corbin, KY. He was raised in Arp, TN, graduating from Ripley High School in 1950. From an early age Bill had the gift of song and, beginning at age two, used his talent to sing at church. Bill developed his singing ability by taking voice lessons through adulthood. Bill attended Memphis State for a semester before joining the U.S. Air Force in 1951. He received his basic training in Biloxi, MS, and was assigned to Bartlesville at Radar Hill for the rest of his military career.

On Sept. 13, 1951, while attending a YMCA dance Bill met the love of his life Connie Higginbotham and they were united in marriage on Jan. 6, 1952, in Iola, KS. After Bill's honorable discharge in 1954 he attended business college before starting his 38 year career as a federal reporting supervisor with Phillips Petroleum Co. Bill and Connie moved to Grove for several years before relocating to Dewey in 2009.

Bill had many passions in life and was active in the community using both his talents and his time to help others. He used his gift of singing to glorify the Lord. He enjoyed sailing and racing Hobie Cats, coaching while his kids were young and judging girl's gymnastics at the Phillips gymnastics center. He was

physically active and enjoyed archery and running. He was a good father and provider for his family and a member of the American Legion as well as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

Bill is survived by his loving wife Connie of the home; two children Cindy Lynn Blake and Brent of Lenexa, KS, and Mike Grimes and Robi of Wann, OK; six grandchildren, Stacy Miller and Aaron, Tiffany Arnold and Rusty, Abbey Grimes, Carter Grimes, McKinley Grimes, and Laura Davito; and six great grandchildren, Olivia, Kennedy, Blake, Avery Grace, Beck and Vera. He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister Betty Stone.

Bill's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Friday, June 26, from 6-8 p.m. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Bartlesville Salvation Army, 101 N Bucy Ave, Bartlesville, Ok 74003.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the Dewey United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dale Durnell officiating. Military honors will be provided by the James H. Teel American Legion Post 105 Honor Guard. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Bill's family at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Gathering of Friends and Family

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## Service

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JUN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Dewey United Methodist Church  
618 N Delaware St  
Dewey, OK 74029  
<http://www.deweymc.com>

# Tribute Wall

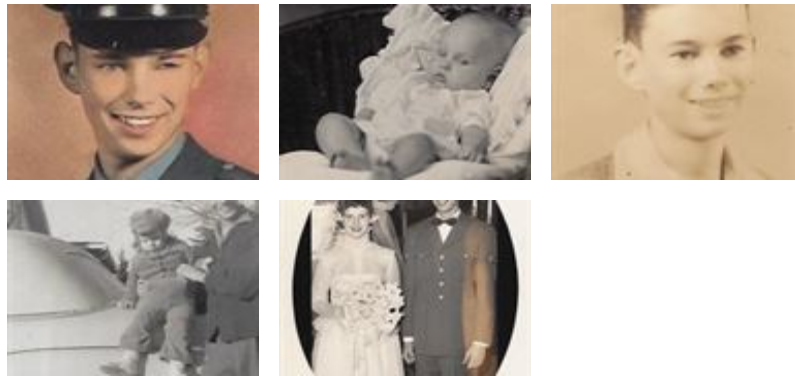


“ The family of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of Ripley ,TN wish to send their sincere condolences to the family. Mr. Charles remembers fondly the friendship that he and Mr. Bill shared. " Of all the friends that I have had throughout my life, I can honestly say that we never had a cross word between us, that's pretty good for a friendship of over 78 yrs!" Charles Morris.

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“*Connie, Mike, Cindy and family - so sorry for your loss. Many of my great childhood memories include Bill and the Grimes family. Bill was my first baseball coach (FOP - how in the world did we draw the "FOP" team?) and Bill convinced me to be in YMCA wrestling. He remains the only person with enough patience to teach this lefty to tie a knot when we were out sailing. Loved hearing him sing - will never forget Cindy's wedding. My thoughts and love are with you in your time of loss,*

*Bruce Wallace*

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**Bruce Wallace** - June 25, 2015 at 10:53 PM

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“*So sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man. Prayers for your family, may God give comfort.*



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