



Evertt Shackelford

February 28, 1933 - November 30, 2021

Evertt Shackelford age 88 of Noble, passed away on Tuesday November 30th in Norman, OK. Floyd Evertt Shackelford was born on February 28th, 1933 to Dorsey Shackelford and Rosie Lee Shackelford (Dunkin) near Wynnewood, OK, the 6th of 7 children. His family lived and farmed in several communities across the Johnston and Garvin county area. Evertt attended several one room school houses in Oakdale, Mill Creek, Troy, and Regan where he graduated from the 8th grade, where he was at the head, middle and bottom of his class. He was the only student in the 8th grade that year. After he graduated he continued to work on the family farm where they raised cotton, corn, hygeria (high gear), and red-top cane. He plowed using horses to pull the lister, breaking plow and planter. He said he always enjoyed using the breaking plow as it produced a pleasant earthy scent... and that he could find plenty of earthworms for fishing. In 1952 at the age of 19 he worked as a temporary employee at the Tishomingo Federal Fish Hatchery, and then in the spring of 1953 he was drafted into the United States Army and served until the spring of 1955 when he made his way back home to the family farm from Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Upon his return he landed a permanent job at the Federal Fish Hatchery. It was during this time that Evertt met a young lady named Octavia Heffington at the Church of Christ in Mill Creek, and the two were married on February 15th, 1958. His work eventually led him to The University of Oklahoma, where he worked under Professor Howard Clemons in the OU Fisheries Research Institute. Evertt and his family relocated to

Noble to be nearer to the University. When the research at OU had concluded Evertt found work at Tinker Air Force Base in electronic calibration, he retired from there after 24 years of service. In his spare time, Evertt loved woodworking and carpentry. He was a jack of all trades, who also enjoyed gardening, and being outdoors. He would consider his greatest honor in life to be the service he was able to render to the Lord. He often preached, taught and encouraged others in the gospel. He frequently led singing and was always engaged in the spiritual work of the church of Christ at Jackson St. in Purcell, OK where he also served as an Elder. Evertt was a beloved husband, father, grandpa and brother in Christ who will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorsey and Rosie Lee Shackelford. His siblings Alfred Shackelford and wife Wilma, Thurman Shackelford and wife Norma Jean, Dale Shackelford, Delphine Miller and husband Billy. Sister-in-law Gerry Shackelford, and brother-in-law Alton Caraway.

Evertt is survived by his wife Octavia of the home. His children, Sondra Shackelford, Randy Shackelford and wife Karla, Keith Shackelford and wife Mary, all of Noble. His brother JR Shackelford of Roff, OK and sister Wanza Caraway of Troy, OK. His grandchildren, Tyra Shackelford and husband Chase Welch, Tamra Carlon and husband Zac, Amanda John, Skye Shackelford, Brooke Reed and husband Aaron, Katy Loyd and husband Russell, and Dale Shackelford. Evertt also leaves behind 6 great grandchildren, Xylan, Zora, Charleston, Denton, Roman, and Dakota.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday December 3rd, 2021 at Troy Cemetery in Troy, Oklahoma. Make online condolences at www.wilsonlittle.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Randy and Karla, so sorry for the loss of your father Randy. You lose a bit of your soul when you lose a parent!*
Prayers, Bobby and Donna Milligan

Donna Milligan - December 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Keith, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Thoughts and prayers for your family during this time.*

Scott Furniss - December 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM