



Frankie Rinehart

September 9, 1939 - February 26, 2024

Edward Franklin "Frankie" Rinehart age 84 of Purcell, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, February 26, 2024. Frankie was born on September 9, 1939, in Purcell, OK. He was the 5th child of six children born to Jewel Cornelius Rinehart and Ora Mae Bittle. Frankie grew up in Purcell and graduated from Purcell High School with the class of 1957. Throughout his high school years, Frankie was a standout athlete, lettering all 4 years in 4 different sports including, football, basketball, baseball and track. After high school he attended Bacone Jr. College in Muskogee, Oklahoma on a football scholarship.

On February 17, 1962 in OKC, Frankie married the love of his life, Mary Helen Selman of Purcell. They first made their home in Moore, Oklahoma for 8 years before moving back to Purcell in 1970. For 15 years, Frankie worked at the Downtown Air Park in OKC as a Foreman in the aircraft stripping and painting department. While there he worked on numerous famous celebrities' airplanes and helicopters.

In 1975, Frankie took the job as the Purcell's Parks and Golf Course Director.

It was during this time he picked up the game of golf. Being such a tremendous athlete, Frankie taught himself how to play, and could he play.

For 17 years he served as the Club Pro at Purcell Municipal Golf Course, only retiring to spend one year on the Seniors Series Pro Tour in 1993. Then from 1994 to 2002 he worked as the Head Pro at the Paul's Valley Municipal Golf Course. For the next 7 years, from 2002 to 2009, Frankie was the

Tournament Chairman and played on the Heartland Players Seniors Tour.

While he was playing, the tour continued, but after he retired the tour ceased to exist. For 25 years he was a member of the South-Central Section PGA, covering Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and North Texas. Over the years, Frankie won numerous tournaments across the country and was even a 7-time winner of his home town, Purcell Club Championship tournament. While living and working in Purcell, Frankie was involved in student sports such as coaching his son's 7th & 8th grade basketball team and coaching golf and giving private golf lessons. After retiring in 2009, Frankie enjoyed playing golf with friends, spending time with family and going to church at Union Hill Baptist Church where he has been a member since 1971. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by: Parents; J.C. and Ora Mae Rinehart, 2 brothers; James Woodrow "Woody" Rinehart and Doyle Lee Rinehart, 3 sisters; Lucille Williams, Georgia Deskin and Wanda Minyard, Son-in-law; Allen McKenna, Step grandson; Robbie McKenna.

He is survived by: Wife of 62 years; Mary Rinehart of the home in Purcell, Four children; Pam McKenna of Purcell, Frank Rinehart and wife Lisa of Purcell, Lisa Romines and husband Randy of S. OKC, Laura Thanscheidt and husband Ross of Moore. Four grandchildren; Cody Rinehart of Purcell, Ash Pilcher and husband Andy of Albuquerque, NM, Jessi McKenna of Purcell and Brittany Romines of Norman. 11 step-grandchildren; Billy Bingenheimer, Bobby Bingenheimer, Scotty McKenna, Steven Terrell, Tyson Terrell, Bradley Terrell, Jeffrey Terrell, Kalyn McMillan, J. J. Terrell, Lisa Thanscheidt and Laura Thanscheidt. 27 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Friday, March 1, 2024 at Union Hill Baptist Church, west of Purcell. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to OMRF in OKC or to the Purcell

High School golf program. You may send online condolences @ www.wilsonlittle.com .

Tribute Wall

JG

“ A great guy.... best baseball team mate ever. RIP

Joe Gosnell - February 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ RIP Frankie.
Thanks for all the years of service at the golf course. Thanks you for being a friend and all the laughs and good times we had at the "old guys" golf crew play days.

Dan Pennington - February 29, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Love ya. And are so pleased to see all you have accomplished together. Thank you Frankie for taking care of my sister.

Carolyn brown - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ So sorry Rhinehart family for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to ya'll.
Steven and Kerri King

Kerri King - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I loved getting to know this man and his family. He always made me smile. He will be missed.



Kay Crocker - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ You were a good man, Frankie. I enjoyed every single round of golf that we played. I might have finally been able to beat you when you turned 80. You made this world a better place and will be missed.
RIP

Steve Bradley - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM