



Henry Handke

August 22, 1934 - July 27, 2020

Henry Leroy Handke, age 85 of Blanchard, passed away Monday, July 27, 2020. Henry was born August 22, 1934 on the river near Tuttle, Grady County. He was the baby of three children and only son born to Carl and Katie Handke. Henry grew up in the Bridge Creek area and attended school there, graduating with the Bobcat Class of 1952. Out of school, he began working as a tile mason with his brother-in-law, Robert Eades. Not too long after, he met a young lady from Okla. City named Eskie Radford. They met at Sherwood Baptist Church and quickly became friends. Henry asked Eskie to walk with him through life, and they were married on November 2, 1956, in the church in which they met. They first made their home in Okla. City, where they welcomed their daughter, LaDena. By 1968, they had settled back home in the Bridge Creek/Tuttle area, near the family homestead. Henry answered the call of service to his community, and entered the Okla. City Police Academy. He then proudly wore the uniform, serving the citizens of Okla. City for more than 20 years. After leaving the force, he started his own custom dirt work company. His skill and expertise served him well, and his work was highly sought after. When he wasn't working, he was probably fishing or hunting, and he was an award winning and highly skilled trap shooter. Henry was a man of great faith and a faithful member of Snow Hill Baptist Church in Tuttle. He cherished Eskie, LaDena and family, and he was a proud Papa. He will be dearly missed! He was preceded in death by: His parents, Carl and Katie Handke and Two sisters, Lolita Williams and Joan

Eades.Henry is survived by: His wife, Eskie Handke of the home;
Daughter, LaDena Laha and husband Jeff of Clearwater, KS; 3
grandchildren, Jacob Laha and wife Laura Beth Cochran, Kacie Benteman and
husband Jacob and Luke Laha and wife Caitlin; 3 great grandchildren,
Paysen, Ashton and Ridley and A host of other family and friends. Visitation
will be Thursday and Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Wilson-Little
Funeral Home. Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Saturday,
August 1, 2020, at Snow Hill Baptist Church in Tuttle. Burial will follow at the
Friendship Cemetery. To view the church's live stream of Henry's service, click
the link below or navigate to the Snow Hill Baptist Church Facebook page.

<https://youtu.be/TnGask8P3K8>