

George Carl Lee

December 23, 1931 - August 20, 2020

Longtime local resident and patriot George Carl Lee went to be with Jesus on August 20, 2020. With members of the family present, George peacefully left this life at his home at Coody's Bluff.

George was born on December 23, 1931 in Morristown, NJ., being 1 of 11 children. Surviving the trying times of the 30's and 40's, George enlisted in the US Army at the age of 17 on May 18, 1949. Having just completed tank training at Fort Hood Texas when the Korean Conflict broke out, George was shipped to Pusan, Korea to drive a tank for the 6th Medium Tank Battalion. After seeing much action, the unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and George was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star medals.

After his service, George ended up in Nowata doing sign painting and fixing bicycles so the local youth could have a bicycle club. David, Sherri and Diana were born during this time. In 1966 he worked as a ranch hand before operating the Coney Island Diner in 1967. He went back to New Jersey in 1972, married Carol Richards and brought the family to Nowata.

He worked as a carpenter and painter, worked for the city of Nowata, built homes and worked for Bison Electric. George was always one to get involved in community. In 1982 he joined the Nowata County Sherriff's Department as a Reserve Officer and became Nowata County's first Civil Defense Director. He moved to the Rogers County Sherriff's Department as patrolman in Talala

then became Talala Chief of Police. He enjoyed meeting people and made many friends in the law enforcement agencies.

After retirement George continued his service by joining the American Legion in a leadership role and set an example for the members to serve the community. During his 15 year continuous membership in the Legion, George performed Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at the cemetery and would participate in all patriotic parades and events. George loved the flag and the liberty and freedom it stands for. George was extremely proud of the new flag and flagpole that was installed at his residence a few weeks before his death, which permitted him to view it from the kitchen table or the porch.

George is survived by 2 siblings, Ruth Crites and Tommy Lee of New Jersey, 7 children, David Lee of Elizabethtown, TN, Sherri Roll of Marseilles, IN(David), Dianna May Lee of Denison, TX, James Robert Richards, Susan Jean Monroe(James), David William Richards(Sondra), all of Nowata, and Nancy Lynn Turner of Coffeyville, KS, 20 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carol Ann and son Jeffery Richards.

George requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to American Legion Post 101, 506 W. Shawnee, Nowata, OK 74048

Funeral arrangements handled by Nowata Stumpff Funeral Service with interment in Nowata Relocated Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Relocated Cemetery - Nowata OK

on Pecan Street
Nowata, OK 74048

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Community Church
260 E Galer Ave
Nowata , OK 74048
<https://www.cornerstonenowata.org/>

Tribute Wall



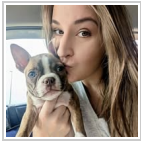
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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM

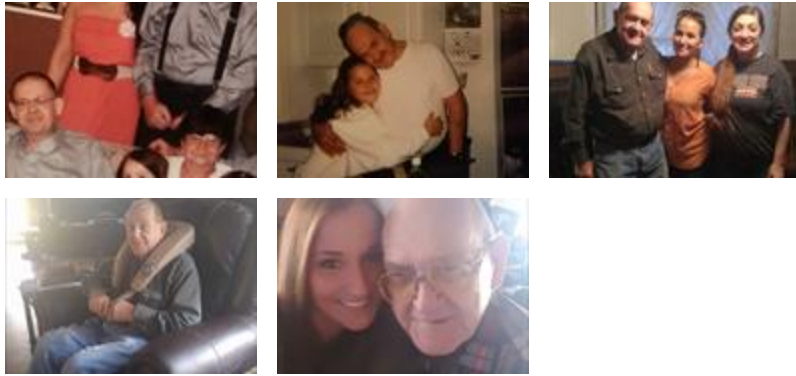


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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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Amanda Mae - September 25, 2020 at 02:25 AM



“ *Bison Electric, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George Carl Lee.*



Bison Electric, Inc. - August 24, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ I worked at Guns n Gals and George "Papa" as we called him would always come and have coffee and pie. He was an absolute treasure to know and speak with. Loved him dearly. Prayers for his family in this difficult time

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I GREW UP AROUND ALL GEORGE'S FAMILY.
I Was a Youngster when We all first met. That Was back like in 1965 - 66?
We all first Met in Church in Nowata, Ok. At the APOSTOLIC HOLINESS CHURCH. Pastor Rev. CAMPBELL.
George Was invited to come Preach Several Sermons.
I become Bestest Friends With JEFF & DAVID RICHARDS.
We ended Up being on the Church's Baseball Team.
And from that Moment on, they become REALLY CLOSE FRIENDS. Just Like Family.
George & Carol Lee Treated Me Like One Of There Own.

I'll never forget all there's acctent they had. Because they're all from NEW JERSEY.

Geored used to make Fun of my White Church Shoes. He Would ALWAYS TEASE ME About them. He would laugh at Me. He was making Fun of my White Shoes.
So from that Moment on & I Always Teased Him Back by Telling Him, I'm Going to The Store Later & I'm Buying You a Pair of White Church Shoes.
He Would be Funny & Jump out at me like He Was gonna get me. He Was a STERN MAN & Sometimes I didn't know how to take him? HE Could Be Intimidating. But I alwsys Had the Up Most Respects for Him & CAROL.
I WILL DEARLY MISS THEM.
BUT, I Will always Hold onto all those Wonderful Years of Memories.
May You Enter Into GODS PRESENTS.
"GOD LOVE YOU"

By Keith Hesslen
Wednesday 26, 2020

Keith Hesslen - August 27, 2020 at 12:11 AM