



Mervin Grayson Jr.

July 22, 1944 - July 1, 2025

Mervin Grayson, Jr. was born to Mervin Grayson, Sr., and Betty Jean (Hawkins) on July 22, 1944, in Tullahassee, Oklahoma and raised in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He attended and graduated from Douglass High School. On September 28, 1971, he married the love of his life, Teressa (Day) Grayson in Dewey, OK.

He served in the US Army at the rank of Sargent. While assigned to the 4th Division, 1st Brigade 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery support unit Private First Class (PFC) Mervin Grayson Jr., during a tremendous feat of 140 days of straight firing barge in the Republic of Vietnam fired off the symbolic 100,000th round of support artillery. This is an average of nearly 715 rounds of artillery fire each day and after achieving this feat PFC Grayson immediately reloaded and began firing towards the next 100,000.

Later during his tour of duty in Vietnam, Corporal Grayson was awarded the honor of receiving the ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL OF HEROISM; For his actions of heroism on October 9th, 1969, in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Corporal Grayson distinguished himself while serving as a Chief of Section with Battery C, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery, in the 4th Infantry Division. His fire support base came under heavy ground and rocket attack. Shortly after the attack began, the approximate location of the main enemy weapons fire was discovered. Corporal Grayson left the safety of his bunker and exposing himself to enemy fire moved to the flank howitzer to assist the gun crew in delivering accurate

counter artillery fire. He remained at and assisted the gun section throughout the engagement and contributed significantly to the repulsion of the enemy forces. Corporal Grayson's personal bravery, outstanding performance, and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, unit, and the United States Army. In 2019 he was presented Bartlesville Hometown Hero Award. He was employed and retired from the City of Bartlesville as Director of the Sanitation Department. In his spare time, he loved to fish, hunt, and coach youth football. He also enjoyed working on automobiles and was very passionate about feeding his family and community by cooking Barbecue. Mervin was an avid member of the Miracle Temple COGIC.

Mervin leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 53 years, Teresa; 9 children: Kelvin Grayson of Waxahachie, Texas; Dana Grayson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Darrell (Rose) Grayson of Liberty Hill, Texas; Sophia Shoate of Atlanta, Georgia; LaShon Grayson of Hemet, California; Detra Grayson of Oceanside, California; Sekora (Darryl) Brown of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Dorsell Rogers of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; and Louis Hopkins, Jr. of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is also survived by one brother, Robert Grayson of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; four sisters: Shirley Adair of California; Joyce Collins of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Vivian Brown of Inglewood, California; and Teresa (Dennis) Seals of Aubrey, Texas; over 30 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mervin was preceded in death by his father Mervin and mother Betty Jean and a son Mervin Grayson, III.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Church

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Wesleyan Church
1776 Silver Lake Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4760

Tribute Wall

JR

“❤️ *Cousin Mervin, Uncle Mervin is what I called him. Thank you for being such a great person. Your presence will be missed.*



JaMeisha Rogers - July 08, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



July 08, 2025 at 03:42 AM

TF

“ *The Bradford Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



The Bradford Family - July 07, 2025 at 11:05 PM

TF

“ *The Bradford Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..*

The Bradford Family - July 07, 2025 at 11:05 PM

BF

“ *Bowlin F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..*

Bowlin F. - July 07, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CF

“ *Charlene Thomas & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



Charlene Thomas & family - July 07, 2025 at 12:36 PM

BC

“ *Bobby Clayton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



Bobby Clayton - July 07, 2025 at 11:54 AM

RC

“ *Rick and Karen Robinson Cope purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



Rick and Karen Robinson Cope - July 07, 2025 at 11:09 AM

TF

“ *The Quinton Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



The Quinton Family - July 07, 2025 at 11:03 AM

TF

“ *The Quinton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..*

The Quinton Family - July 07, 2025 at 11:03 AM

EE

“ *Uncle Mervin!
Niecey, couldn't get to you soon enough :(*

Growing up, I always thought you were the coolest. Your jewelry, your cars, that cologne, your whole presence. And now learning you were a hero too. Just wow...

*Thank you for always making me feel so beautiful and so loved!
Give Palpal a big hug for me.*

*Xoxo, love always
Niecey Essie <3*



Essence Edwards - July 07, 2025 at 10:09 AM

HA

“ Hazel A. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Hazel A. - July 07, 2025 at 08:07 AM

HA

“ Hazel A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..

Hazel A. - July 07, 2025 at 08:07 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



July 06, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..

July 06, 2025 at 07:08 PM

EG

“ I worked under Mr. Grayson when he ran the Sanitation Department and oversaw Frontier and Sooner Pools. He was a good boss, always supportive and competent. The Sanitation Department ran like a top while he was in charge. His grandchildren were proud of him, and they'd brag to me that their grandpa was my boss. While he was there, those pools were in great shape, and I was proud to manage them. Anyone who has been to Grayson's Donuts knows what a fine father and grandfather he was. I went to school with his son Mervin, and I'm glad they are now reunited. My condolences to his family and friends. Mr. Grayson was a fine man.

Eric Gray - July 06, 2025 at 06:03 PM

JG

“ Our deepest sympathy

John & Sharon Gilkey - July 06, 2025 at 05:19 PM

CY

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Grayson family.
Shawn and Carrie Young



Carrie Young - July 06, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KD

“ Kimberly Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mervin Grayson Jr.



Kimberly Dyer - July 06, 2025 at 12:41 PM

SL

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Sophia Lorraine - July 06, 2025 at 07:39 AM

SL

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Sophia Lorraine - July 06, 2025 at 07:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..

July 06, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



July 06, 2025 at 07:30 AM



“ *Gary, Siobhan and James (UPS Crew) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



Gary, Siobhan and James (UPS Crew) - July 05, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *Theado and Leah Reed purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..*



Theado and Leah Reed - July 05, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..*

July 05, 2025 at 03:53 PM

TC

“ Tonya Hicks & Lisa Clarke purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Tonya Hicks & Lisa Clarke - July 05, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JS

“ Jerry S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..

Jerry S. - July 05, 2025 at 08:53 AM

CS

“ Cecil and Gilda Seals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..

Cecil and Gilda Seals - July 04, 2025 at 05:54 PM

CS

“ Cecil and Gilda Seals purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Cecil and Gilda Seals - July 04, 2025 at 05:54 PM

CS

“ Mervin Grayson was a very strong leader in the Bartlesville Community. Everyone admired and gave him respect. He had a Big Heart. Rest in the Lords arms. Cecil, Gilda, Tameka and Virgel.

Cecil and Gilda Seals - July 04, 2025 at 05:50 PM

VS

“ Vivian, your lil sister. purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Vivian, your lil sister. - July 04, 2025 at 03:32 PM

GG

“ Gary and Irene Griffin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..

Gary and Irene Griffin - July 04, 2025 at 01:50 PM

GG

“ Gary and Irene Griffin purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Gary and Irene Griffin - July 04, 2025 at 01:50 PM

GG

“ Gary G. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Gary G. - July 04, 2025 at 01:34 PM

GG

“ Gary G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mervin Grayson Jr..

Gary G. - July 04, 2025 at 01:34 PM

GH

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to the family. May God embrace you as you endure this difficult time. My Dad has no brothers but the bond between him and Mervin made him my "uncle." I will miss him as such but I'll never forget him. He was a prime example of how good people ought to be and I'll cherish it until we meet again. 🎈

Gloria Burgess Herring - July 04, 2025 at 01:30 PM

PC

“ We share in your loss, and we the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hearne Tx. Pastor JE Crawford and First Lady Queen E Crawford send our deepest sympathies

pastor and sis JE Crawford - July 04, 2025 at 01:15 PM

YM

“ Your LA friend, Maggie Mers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Your LA friend, Maggie Mers - July 04, 2025 at 01:09 PM

JW

“ Jeffrey and Stephana Williams purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Mervin Grayson Jr..



Jeffrey and Stephana Williams - July 04, 2025 at 10:51 AM

TG

“ To the Grayson family: I'm deeply sorry to hear of Pops passing. Pops was an amazing man that blessed the community and many lives throughout his remarkable lifetime. May the love and support surrounding you bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. ~ Tracy Guery Moore



tracy guery - July 04, 2025 at 10:10 AM

BK

“ Rest in Peace and fly high Mervin. You were such a kind soul and a good friend to George and myself any many more. Sending love and prayers for Teresa and family.



Barbara Ketchum - July 04, 2025 at 08:03 AM

WB

“ My condolences to the Grayson family, I too have lost a good friend. Mervin and I go back to our mid teens when we would walk to the Hillcrest Country Club on weekends to caddy. Mervin was always willing to learn and try new things, just a great guy to be around. I'll miss our talks when I come home.



William Ray Brown - July 03, 2025 at 08:25 PM

TJ

This is a sad lost for the Grayson and westside community family..Mervin was a leader in the community and a leader of men during the Vietnam War inwhich he received a medal for his bravery, I would like to say he will be missed may he rest in Peace 🙏

T. L. Robinson jr. - July 04, 2025 at 02:18 AM

RW

I can truly say he loved all of his family. He loved my Sister his dear wife to the moon and and back . Married for along time . He was more like my blood brother instead of in law. He will be truly missed . ❤️

Rena Washington - July 04, 2025 at 06:33 AM



So sorry to hear of the passing of my classmate. My deepest condolences to the family. We started from kindergarten; Mervin was brilliant!

Deloise Bean - July 04, 2025 at 01:09 PM

RJ

I offer my deepest condolences to the family. Wishing you peace and strength.

Robert Jones Jr - July 06, 2025 at 09:32 AM