



## Arthur Leroy Bunn

June 20, 1930 - October 23, 2021

Arthur Leroy Bunn, 91, of Miami, Oklahoma passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Integris Miami Hospital. He was born on June 20, 1930 in Waterloo, Iowa to George William Bunn, Sr. and Wilma Lucille (Lamb) Bunn. A 1948 graduate of West Waterloo High School, Art enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in Des Moines, Iowa proudly serving 1948-52 as a radioman. S/SGT Bunn notably served in the infamous Korean Chosin Reservoir campaign (4.2 Mortar Company, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division). Art and Jacqueline R. "Jackie" Heald of Waterloo, Iowa married June 13, 1953. They have three children: Steve (dentist), Cheryl Thatcher Paananen (speech pathologist), and Brad (US Army reserve officer). Under the G.I. Bill Art graduated from the University of Colorado, B.A. in economics, 1955.

Art worked for Gates Rubber Company from 1960-1991 beginning as a field engineer, and advancing to regional sales manager, and national administrative sales manager. Throughout his career advancement with Gates he built friendships everywhere they lived, Denver, Evergreen (CO), Los Angeles, Spokane, Kansas City (KS), Houston, Fort Collins, and Miami (OK). While in Fort Collins, Art was president of the Nelson Farm Home Owners Association.

Always enjoying the outdoors hiking, backpacking, bicycling, canoeing and tennis. Art led by doing and was active in leadership positions in the Boys

Scouts from 1953-1984, notably founding Explorer Post 171 in Spokane, Washington. His love for the outdoors was the basis for friendship with Chuck Bell in Fort Collins at the time. Approached by Chuck he helped found Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, supporting the US Forest Service, which with nearly 300 members is the largest all volunteer organization in the nation with no paid staff. Subsequently they founded Trekk for Light (1995) an organization assisting vision impaired people to enjoy the outdoors hiking. For the companion cross-country ski organization Ski for Light, Art was himself a volunteer guide for vision impaired skiers 1994-2005. He was a board member of Ski for Light International, and president of Colorado Ski for Light Board of Directors.

Having met years ago through the Marine reunion, Art and Carol Ann Goodwin (nee Moore) were joined in a covenant marriage ceremony in 2015. Art and Boyd Goodwin served together in the Marines.

Raised in the Brethren assembly in Waterloo, he has always been involved in his local church wherever they lived (Methodist, Presbyterian). Since moving to Miami he joined the First United Methodist Church in Fairland, Oklahoma (where he and Carol Ann married). He didn't just go to church, he jumped in to help where he could: carpentry, etc. Art had a passion for singing, and in most of the church choirs you could find his tenor voice.

Art was preceded in passing by his parents George (2000) and Wilma (1996) Bunn, his wife Jackie Bunn (2011 Alzheimer;s) and a brother George W. Bunn Jr. (2011) and his wife Isabell Bunn (nee Cummings, 1996). Survivors include his wife Carol Ann Goodwin of Miami, his children Steven T. Bunn of Floyd, Virginia, Bradley Bunn of Loveland, Colorado, Cheryl Pannanen of Walnut Creek, California; step sons and daughters, Mark Detherage (Eva), Mike Detherage (Connie) both of Fairland, Mandy Ross (Chad) of Miami, Mendy Detherage (Bill Jackson) of Fairland, his sister Carol S. Piper of Oelwein,

Iowa, sister in law Linda (Doug) Funderburk of Bakersfield, California, along with grandchildren Tony Thatcher, Sarah Bunn, Brittany Bunn, Gail Bunn, Marshall Bunn, Lacey Detherage, Kylie Detherage, Bailey Detherage, and Mia Ross. Along with his great grandchildren Gavin and Kaden Fergus, Jude McPhail, Hendrixx Detherage

Services will be held 10:00 AM on Friday, November 5, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Fairland with Mr. Jim Love and Reverend Donna Ward officiating. Interment will follow at 2:30 PM at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with military honors under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairland, Oklahoma.

The family would like to ask those who cannot attend to send a short remembrance that could be included at his memorial.

Friends and family may send notes of encouragement to the family or a memory at Mr. Bunn's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Fairland  
122 West Church Avenue  
Fairland, OK 74343

## Graveside Service

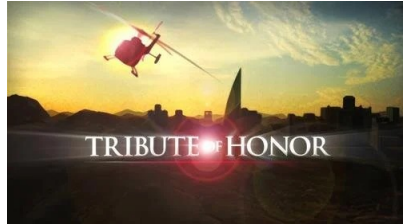
NOV 5. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
<http://www.cem.va.gov>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Leroy Bunn*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - November 04, 2021 at 03:13 PM

AH

“ *Art was a court appointed special advocate, or CASA volunteer. He was trained in Fort Collins, Colorado as a CASA volunteer and also served on their Board of Directors. When he moved to Miami, Oklahoma, he stopped by our office to offer his services as a CASA volunteer. While I cannot speak to the numbers of children he served in Fort Collins, I can say that he served three children on two cases while serving with us. Those three children had a strong advocate in their corner, willing to fight for their right to safety and permanency. Thank you so much for sharing Art with us. He was so very special to us and we shall miss him. I'm thinking of all of you as the anniversary of his death approaches. You shall be in my prayers. - Angela Henderson, Executive Director, CASA of Northeast Oklahoma*

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**Angela Henderson** - October 19, 2022 at 03:12 PM

EH

“ To Art's dear family members.

*I was one of the Forest Service District Rangers that had the honor of working with Art and Chuck Bell as they formed the cutting edge Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. He was such an amazing person to work with.... so full of energy, ideas and with a problem-solving approach to any challenge. Few will know the contribution he made to so many. He was at the head of the most successful volunteer organization in the Forest Service. His name is on many documents and plaques but they pale in comparison to the wonderful and compassionate advocate, leader, and genuinely wonderful person that was Art. He and his legacy will always be with so many of us.*

*With sincere condolences,  
Ellen Hodges  
Fort Collins, CO*

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**Ellen L Hodges** - November 07, 2021 at 04:18 PM

LF

“ *I've known Art for over 70 years longer than anyone else I've known, the last of a wonderful generation. He was such a wonderful brother in law, I'll miss our phone calls and his help in navigating me through the trials of a spouse with Alzheimer's. I'm so glad he and Charlie were able to visit us in Bakersfield and happy we could visit him in Fort Collins before he moved. He was such a talented, giving, wonderful man. Sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort to Steve, Cheryl, Brad, Charlie, the grandchildren, and extended family members. Rest easy, see you in Heaven.*

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**Linda Funderburk** - November 05, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - November 04, 2021 at 09:43 PM



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - November 04, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - November 04, 2021 at 12:42 PM

KH

“ *What a tremendous loss you must be feeling. Art and Jackie were our next door neighbors when they moved to Ft. Collins. Art often talked about his children and we felt we knew you through the many memories they shared with us. Art helped us put up a basketball goal, gave us advice on many things, and showed us all how to live. Our daughter would often stop and chat with Art and Jackie on her way home from school. They were like grandparents to her. The day we moved from our home they had us over for breakfast on their back deck, which was always beautiful. That's the kind of person Art was, what he could do to help others. Our condolences are with you all. I don't have to tell you he walked the talk of being a good human.*

*Roger and Karen Harvey*

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**Karen Harvey** - November 03, 2021 at 12:18 PM

AC

“ *Dear CarolAnn and family. Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of dear Art . Casey and I have been so blessed having Art, and, you CarolAnn, as such wonderful neighbors. Always a smile, a wave, and time spent chatting. Art was a beautiful soul, and loved how he shared his culinary delights with us, he was always thinking of other, we will miss him very much indeed.*

*We pray our Lord Jesus fills your hearts with His peace during this sad time, and you find comfort in knowing, you will see Art again in God's glory.*

*We love you*  
*Allie and Casey Clodfelter ♡*

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**Alison Clodfelter** - October 30, 2021 at 06:21 PM

DE

“ We are so sorry to here of Art's passing. Our great memories of him were as participants in a couple of Trek for Lights that he helped organize and lead. What a lot of work he put in. Rest in Peace.  
*Dean and Becky Myers*

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**Dean** - October 30, 2021 at 03:07 PM

JR

“ So sorry Steve and family! Art was such a wonderful leader who did many good things for our Fort Collins community. His legacy will certainly live on. With deepest sympathy, JoAnn & Fred Reckling

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**JoAnn Reckling** - October 29, 2021 at 07:00 AM

JS

“ Art was one of my favorite patrons at the Miami Public Library. Even when he had things to do, or if I was busy, he would take an extra couple of minutes to visit with me every time he came to the library. He always asked, genuinely, how things were going for me and if things were not 100%, he would ask if there was anything he could do to help.

*Art will be missed....*

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**Jason Smith** - October 28, 2021 at 05:52 PM

 Tiffany  
Bunn

“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Art Bunn. We will forever remember Art for his endearing smile and kind heart. When I met him he greeted me with a smile and hug. My husband recalls the same. We both fondly remember sitting around the living room hearing him share stories of Grandpa Bill. Having not grown up around the Bunn side of the family, this was such a blessing. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for Art's unconditional love. Heaven definitely gained an angel on the 23rd. May Art rest in eternal peace. With love from Justin and Tiffany Bunn

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**Tiffany Bunn** - October 28, 2021 at 01:48 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Tiffany Bunn** - October 28, 2021 at 01:42 PM

BS

“ Art was a much loved man! I met him through Ski for Light and also did a Trekk for Light with him. Always happy and encouraging. He once heard a Roberta Flack CD playing in my car and it was the first thing he bought when he got home from the wilderness. He and Jackie hosted a wonderful dinner party for us afterward. Many fond memories will be shared...this I know for certain.

*Brenda Seeger from Minnesota  
Ski for Light*

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**Brenda Seeger** - October 28, 2021 at 12:35 PM