



## Carl Ray Merit

March 2, 1944 - July 26, 2023

Carl Ray Merit, 79, a resident of Fairland, Oklahoma, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Mr. Merit was born on March 2, 1944, in Fairland, Oklahoma, to Raymond and Lorraine “Babe” (Atkinson) Merit. Carl grew up in Fairland and graduated from Fairland High School. Carl worked most of his life, starting at about thirteen years old as a newspaper boy, delivering Miami newspapers in Fairland. He moved to Dallas, Texas fresh out of high school to work on freight docks. He would move on to work the job of his dreams, as an over the road truck driver for the rest of his life. Those close to Carl would call him a tinkerer, he was always working on antique cars or tractors. He enjoyed going to any kind of auction, but more than anything vehicle auctions, looking for his next project. Mr. Merit will always be remembered as a hardworking and caring man. Mr. Merit is preceded in passing by his parents, Raymond and Lorraine Merit.

Those left to share the memory of Mr. Merit is his partner, Ken Hinds, and his brothers, Larry Merit and his wife Dee of Grove, Oklahoma, and Bob Merit of Fairland, Oklahoma.

Mr. Merit’s visitation will be from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Monday, July 31, 2023, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland. Funeral services will start at 2:00 P.M. at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland. Interment will follow at the Fairland Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing

Mr. Merit's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
101 West Conner  
Fairland, OK 74343  
<http://www.brown-winters.com>

## Funeral

JUL 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I was privileged to meet Carl and Ken when they came out to take care of Raymond. Such caring and generous people. I would see them at auctions and such and they always knew me and we would visit. My heart goes out to those left behind.

Jody Ford - July 31, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Ray Merit.



July 28, 2023 at 07:02 PM

JA

“ Daddy Dennis Atkinson always told me stories of Ken and him running and playing in the wide open spaces. A year or so ago while driving Dad around he told me to turn down a road to Aunt Babe and Uncle Raymond to go see Carl and Ken. So I did, and we surprised Carl, Ken and Bobby. Carl and Ken were great about visiting Dad and Mom at the nursing home and I was so thankful for them both. I feel like I knew Carl better than I did, because Mom would always tell me when they would drop by and visit. She loved visiting with Ken while Dad and Carl relived old times. I'll miss our visits and know you are enjoying those wide open spaces in heaven until we all get there with you.

Janet - July 28, 2023 at 06:09 PM

JM

*Carl was a great neighbor. Always so friendly. No matter where he was he always had time to chat. Will miss seeing him as we drive by. We want the family to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jim and Aleta Mays** - July 31, 2023 at 02:52 PM