



## Carl Ray Schertz

August 25, 1942 - January 29, 2026

Carl Ray Schertz, 83, a longtime Miami resident, passed away at his home on Thursday, January 29, 2026. Carl was born on August 25, 1942, in Chetopa, Kansas, to Joseph William and Helen Lorene (Baunhofer) Schertz. Mr. Schertz worked as a truck driver for Fitz Freight for many years before working as a dock worker for Yellow Freight. He married Kathleen Marie Fitzgibbon on June 3, 1966. He and Kathleen made their home in Miami in 1968, after just beginning their family. Those who knew Carl knew he was a hard worker. He was a jack of all trades, helping family and neighbors, doing yard work, and cut firewood for most of his retirement. He was up every morning at coffee with the guys at 5:00 AM. He and Kathleen were longtime members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mr. Schertz is preceded in passing by his parents, Joseph and Lorene Schertz, his loving wife Kathleen Marie Schertz, a sister, Wilma Schertz, and brothers Bill Schertz and Donald Schertz.

Those sharing Carl's memory will be his children Joey Schertz and his wife Shanda and their daughter Emily of Miami, Dusty Schertz and his wife Amber and their children Kathleen and Tucker of Fairland, Carrie Heyburn and her husband James with their sons Michael and Zachery of Miami, Mandy Bertalotto and her husband Daniel and their children Mary Kate, Caroline and Jack of Fayetteville, and Christy Schertz and her son Elijah of Claremore. Along with his brothers Edwin Schertz and his wife Terry of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, and Jerry Schertz of Miami. Also surviving are his many nieces,

nephews, and friends.

There will be a Vigil Service and Rosary on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service's Chapel at 5:00 PM. A visitation will follow until 7:00 PM.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Samuel Perez officiating. Interment will follow at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to St Jude's Medical Hospital.

Friends and family may send notes of encouragement by viewing Carl's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street  
Miami, OK 74354

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service and Rosary

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
5 B Street NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-3311  
info@brown-winters.com  
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

## Visitation

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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FEB 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2515 N Main  
Miami, OK 74354

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl Ray Schertz*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - January 31 at 11:40 AM

RW

“ *I know him from Chetopa ks I think he used to work at a mechanic shop in Baxter back in the 90s sorry for ur loss may he RIP prayers for strength in ur time of losd*

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**robert wright** - March 03 at 08:13 AM

OB

“ *Opal Richardson & Louann Brown purchased the Moments of Comfort Charcuterie Gift for the family of Carl Ray Schertz.*



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**Opal Richardson & Louann Brown** - January 31 at 06:01 PM



“ 125 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - January 31 at 11:26 AM



“ *Such a kind person. I served him his coffee for 5+ years . He was always a delight to see . Praying for the family . May the legacy live on. & memories never fade. Rest easy Carl.*

**Gypsy Fain** - January 31 at 09:43 AM



“ *Love--Natalee, Erika, Carolee and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Carl Ray Schertz.*



**Love--Natalee, Erika, Carolee and family** - January 31 at 08:44 AM



“ *Natalee P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Ray Schertz.*

**Natalee P.** - January 31 at 08:32 AM

CR

“ *Cheyenne Robison lit a candle in memory of Carl Ray Schertz*



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**Cheyenne Robison** - January 31 at 12:19 AM

ES

“ *Our memories of our dear brother Carl will always have a special place in our hearts. Our special trips we had together with Carl and Kathleen were special times . Brother was always so thoughtful, doing kind things for family and neighbors. We will miss our special times together but never forgotten. We love you. Edwin and Terry Schertz*

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**Edwin and Terry Schertz** - January 30 at 09:07 PM

EF

“ *Edwin, Terry, Jerry Schertz and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl Ray Schertz.*



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**Edwin, Terry, Jerry Schertz and family** - January 30 at 08:44 PM

KP

“ *Kourtney P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Ray Schertz.*

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**Kourtney P.** - January 30 at 07:03 PM