



## James Jackson Crafton

July 23, 1918 - May 15, 2017

Reverend James Jackson Crafton, lifelong resident of Fairland, passed away Monday morning, May 15, 2017 at his home. He was 98 years of age. Rev. Crafton was born July 23, 1918 in Fairland to the late Leo Park and Jessie (Meador) Crafton. He attended school at Sulphur Bend. He joined the United States Army on March 24, 1941, serving during World War II. He married Belva Beatrice Higinbotham on August 9, 1941 in Fairland. Rev. Crafton retired from B.F. Goodrich in 1980. He began ministering in 1960, serving the Assembly of God Churches in the Peoria District and Turkey Ford. His faith and his family always came first. He loved mowing his yard and being with his family. He was a faithful member of the First Assembly of God in Fairland. Rev. Crafton was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers, Charlie and Brownie Crafton, sisters, Cleo Cary and Elsie Hamner and grandchildren, Angela and Gregory Crafton. Survivors include his sons, Bobby Crafton and wife Rhonda of Ozark, Missouri, Danny Crafton and wife Sheila of Commerce, daughters, Jacqueline Scutt and husband Rob of Round Rock, Texas, Joyce Patton and husband Arnold of Fairland and Judy Harrison and husband Mike of Fairland, sixteen grandchildren, thirty six great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the First Assembly of God.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M. Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the First Assembly of God with Reverends Jackie Crafton and Andy Harrison

officiating. Interment will follow in the Hickory Grove Cemetery. Casketbearers will be grandsons. Honorary casketbearers will be John Pelham, Roger Selsor, Jackie Crafton, Jimmie Crafton, Donny Higinbotham and Dale Higinbotham.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairland.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Reverend Crafton's Tribute Page of our website at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

S 595 RD  
Grove, OK 74344

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God - Fairland  
350 South Main Street  
Fairland, OK 74343

## Funeral

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Assembly of God - Fairland  
350 South Main Street  
Fairland, OK 74343

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Jackson Crafton*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 17, 2017 at 04:35 PM

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*This is the video of grandpa and family*

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**Mark osburn** - May 19, 2017 at 03:02 PM

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“ *What a privilege and honor it was to know, and be a friend, with Bro. Crafton. We had many great conversations with all of them ending talking about the goodness of the Lord. I will always cherish those times. My prayers are with the family during this time and the reality that we know we have the opportunity to see him again.*

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**Roland Adcock** - May 18, 2017 at 08:37 AM



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