



Jerry Gene Goforth

June 1, 1932 - October 28, 2016

Jerry Gene Goforth, 84 years old, went to his final home on October 28th at his residence.

He was born on June 1, 1932 in Okeene, Oklahoma to Henry Floyd Goforth and Bertie Alma Walker Goforth.

He leaves his wife Carol of 63 years and three daughters, Cindy Tanner and husband Bill, Gina White and husband Derrell, of Miami, Ronda Riden and fiancé Mike Wilson of Bartlesville, Grandchildren Jessica Tanner, Bartlesville, Jeremy Tanner, Miami, Kara Poythress and husband Eric of Broken Arrow, Joshua White of Tulsa and Morgan Riden of Bartlesville. Two great grandsons, Trey Tanner of Miami and Greyson Tanner of Kansas City, Kansas. One great granddaughter, Daveigh Poythress of Broken Arrow. One brother Gayle Goforth and Wife Mary of Perry, Oklahoma, Sister-in-law Alice Goforth of Miami, Sister-in-law Betty Goforth, Okeene and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Jerry graduated from Homestead High School in 1950. He was a natural artist and did all the art work for his high school annual. He attended Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma before going to the Navy. While in the Navy he served aboard the USS Yancey and USS Chara as an YN3 and enjoyed going many ship reunions. After 4 years in the Navy he graduated from Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College School of Technical Training in Okmulgee, Ok with a degree in Jewelry design, manufacturing and watch repair, finishing first in his class.

Jerry & Carol purchased their Jewelry store in the Historic Tringle Building in Pawhuska, Oklahoma in 1960. Then purchased Roland's gift shop across the street and combined the businesses. In 1964 they moved to Miami and were in business with his brother Duane in Dawson Jewelry. In 1968 he started Goforth Jewelry store to Main Street in 2007.

Jerry played basketball in High School & while in the Navy. He coached city league basketball in Miami, enjoyed the NEO Men's PE class where he met many lifetime friends, and loved playing ping pong and tennis. He especially enjoyed reading and watching westerns and war stories. He was a woodworker and collected antiques including clocks and pocket watches.

Jerry was a member of The First United Methodist Church, Agape Sunday School Class, American Legion, Miami Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Kiwanis Club since 1958, Miami Men's Tennis Association and a former member of Miami Jaycees.

He was an avid sports enthusiast who supported NEO, MHS and area athletics. Jerry enjoyed watching his Grand & Great Grandchildren play sports and cheered on the OU Sooners.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday November 5th at 2:00pm with Reverend Mark Rickman officiating. Services are under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church's Back pack program or Capital improvement fund.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Goforth's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Cemetery

N2580 Rd and EO595 RD
Okeene, OK 73763

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami
200 B NW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Jerry Goforth and his family are intertwined in my memories of Miami, Oklahoma and the Methodist Church. All my memories of the Goforth family are kind and bring smiles. May you comfort each other and be comforted in your grief. Patricia Heck

patricia heck - November 06, 2016 at 06:18 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Jerry Gene Goforth.



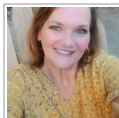
November 02, 2016 at 05:19 PM

DM

“ Rhonda,
I am sending words of encouragement to you and your family during this time. Losing a loved one is never easy, and I will be praying that God strengthens you and your family.

Dr. Bruce McGowan, Associate Vice President - RSU Bartlesville

Dr. Bruce McGowan - November 01, 2016 at 04:04 PM



Dr. McGowan,
Your words of encouragement and prayers mean more than you'll ever know. Thank you and WELCOME aboard!

Ronda Goforth Riden - November 02, 2016 at 02:11 PM

SH

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of the Goforth family.
Chris & Sue Hutchings

Sue Hutchings - October 31, 2016 at 11:42 AM

AC

“ To the Goforth family so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a soft spoken
kind man and will be missed by so many.

Abbie Cherry - October 30, 2016 at 04:26 PM

AC

“ Abbie Cherry lit a candle in memory of Jerry
Gene Goforth



Abbie Cherry - October 30, 2016 at 04:23 PM

JT

So sorry for your loss.. Mr. Goforth, (Cindy's Dad as I knew him was
one of the most pleasant men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.
He was so enjoyable to visit with and I loved hearing about his time in
the service. (Military)....the Goforth family is such a good and close
Christian family....I always teased Cindy about wanting to be "adopted "
by them. My heart goes out to his family and friends. He will be sadly
missed.....God be with you in this difficult time.

Janet Tubbs - November 05, 2016 at 12:24 PM

MN

“ *Mr. Goforth was one of the nicest men I had ever met. So soft spoken and always so pleasant whenever and wherever you would meet him. Such a devoted family man and an upstanding business man. He will be so missed by everyone who had the honor of knowing him.*

Mary Ann Nutting - October 29, 2016 at 09:07 PM

CW

“ *Miami, OK has lost a very respected man and businessman. I always trusted Mr. Goforth as a good, honest, and ethical man. Although living out of Miami when I had jewelry or watch issues I would bring to him when visiting family. I know he will be missed not only by family but all the people who knew him. My condolences to his family.*

Connie Wallace - October 29, 2016 at 06:00 PM

DJ

“ *Hugs to all of the family. I know Jerry will be missed in Miami and especially First Methodist.*
Bob & Debbie Johnson

Debbie Johnson - October 29, 2016 at 11:04 AM