



Joe Dean Weatherford

April 11, 1933 - January 8, 2013

Joe Dean Weatherford was born April 11, 1933 in Poteau, Oklahoma to the late Vernon and Birdie (Danner) Weatherford. Joe graduated from Poteau High School in 1951. He married Sue Bright on December 5, 1952 in Poteau and they soon moved to Kansas City where Joe attended Kansas City College of Mortuary Science. In 1955, Joe and Sue purchased the Hinton Funeral Home in Hinton, Oklahoma. They later moved to Fairview, Oklahoma and purchased the Fairview Funeral Home. They then relocated to Lawton where they owned the Lawton Funeral Home. In 1971, they moved to Miami and purchased the Cooper Funeral Home of Miami and Fairland. Joe and Sue made their home in Miami until 1991, when they moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas and purchased the Hot Springs Funeral Home. In 1993 they returned to Miami, where they have lived and enjoyed retirement. Joe and Sue also have been co-owners of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee, Beggs and Morris for many years. Joe passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in Tulsa at the age of 79.

Joe had served as President of the Oklahoma Funeral Directors Association from 1970-1971 and was appointed to the Oklahoma Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers until 1991. He was a long time member of the Miami Masonic Lodge # 140, Akdar Shrine Temple, Grand Lake Shrine Club and the Royal Order of Jester's Court 47 of Tulsa. He also was a proud member of the "A Team" and had been a longtime member of the Miami Golf and Country Club, Miami Rotary Club, Miami Elks Lodge, Miami Main Street, Miami

Chamber of Commerce and the First United Methodist Church. Joe enjoyed traveling and spending time in Mexico every year.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, sister, DeWanda Hankins, and a brother Glenn Weatherford.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sue, daughter, Sherrie Hulse and husband Mike of Tulsa, and Shelly Weatherford of Overland Park, Kansas, grandchildren, Megan Harlan and husband Justin of Tulsa and Matthew Hulse of Tulsa, a brother-in-law, Harrell Bright of Poteau, sister-in-law, Ann Weatherford of Henderson, Tennessee and niece and nephews, Jeff Bright of Tulsa and John Weatherford and Susan Weatherford of Oklahoma City.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. on Thursday evening at the Cooper Memorial Chapel of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home in Miami. A funeral service for Joe will be held at 10:13 A.M. Friday, January 11, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Miami, Oklahoma with Father Noel Doherty officiating assisted by Reverend David Wheeler. A committal service will be held at 2:13 P.M. at the Calvary Cemetery in Tulsa. A reception to celebrate Joe's life will follow the committal service at the Golf Club of Oklahoma. Casketbearers will be Matthew Hulse, Jason Winters, Larry Biddle, Clifford Howard, Don Robinson, and Bill McClure.

Memorial contributions in Joe's memory may be made to the Grand Lake Shrine Club Children's Transportation Fund, First United Methodist Church of Miami, Oklahoma, and the Joe D. Weatherford Scholarship Fund for funeral service students, all in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee and the Brown-Winters Funeral Home of Miami.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

9101 South Harvard
Tulsa, OK 74137

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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>

Service

JAN 11. 10:13 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Dean Weatherford*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *joe was far ahead of his time very professional in every way what all young funeral directors should strive for i am proud he was my friend skip white cassville mo*

skip white - January 11, 2013 at 10:10 AM

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“ *Joe was the best. His smile, positive attitude and caring nature made him so special to the entire Owens family. His last visit to see my mother, Cherry Owens, before Christmas was a great gift to her. He was like family to us and we all will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Steve Owens, Friend.*

Steve Owens - January 10, 2013 at 02:27 PM

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“ I first met Joe as a kid attending funeral directors meetings and conventions with my parents, Tim and Clara Key. He was always laughing and smiling and always had to give me and my mom a hug when we saw him. My dad thought alot of him and they always had a great friendship. I know his family and friends will miss him tremendously and our industry has lost a great funeral director. My mom and I send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers with you during this time of loss.

*Clara Key and Clarissa Key-Yates
Key Funeral Home Pryor*

Clarissa Key-Yates - January 10, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ He was one of the best in this profession. Blessings to the family. -
Brian & Karin Nichols

Brian Nichols - January 09, 2013 at 11:08 PM



“ Joe never knew a stranger. He was one of the friendliest people you could ever meet. He treated everyone as his equal and he always spoke to you. You never saw him without a huge smile on his face. He couldn't sit still, he was always busy and working. Such a great mentor to many young people. He was a great friend to many and will be missed tremendously. Joe was a living example of a genuine human being. He cared for everyone and everyone cared for him. We will miss you Joe. Our prayers go out to the family during this time. May God bring you comfort and peace, surround yourself with love and memories.

Tammy Becker

Tammy Becker - January 09, 2013 at 07:48 PM

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“ We will truly miss Joe. I still remember him driving to Stillwater to help work on our house. He fell off of a tool box and had to get stitches in his leg...then continued working on our house as soon as he was released..even against our protests. He was always one to help when needed and could always put a smile on your face. We will miss him dearly.

Alicia Becker - January 09, 2013 at 07:26 PM

CJ

“ Joe was a great man and friend he will be missed

Calvin Jones - January 09, 2013 at 03:13 PM