



## Orville C. Macklin

April 25, 1923 - February 5, 2016

Orville C. Macklin, 92, of Miami passed away Friday, February 5, 2016 at Higher Call Nursing Center in Quapaw. He was born on April 25, 1923 in Racine, Wisconsin to Roy and Francis Macklin. O.C. joined the Army Air Corps, where he worked as a Belly Gunner. He worked for the B.F. Goodrich Tire Plant in Miami for thirty-eight years, although he loved his work he spent many years supporting local Veterans. He was a member of the American Legion for over sixty years, during which time he was the Commander of Post #147, he was a service officer, and he formed the Veterans Funeral Detail and the Holiday Flag Program. He was very proud that he had provided honors to 1352 veterans over his years on the Funeral Detail. He worked very closely for many years on the Boys State program for the American Legion and was a member of the 40 and 8, and held several positions with them. Mr. Macklin loved his family, he enjoyed fishing, traveling and camping with them. O.C. was preceded in passing by his wife Lillian (Phillips) Macklin, a grandson Brian Newman, a wife Beth Macklin and a son-in-law Tom Hite along with his brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a son Steve Macklin and his wife Kathy of Afton, daughters Teri Hite of Bentonville, Judee Snodderly and her husband Chris of Miami and Cindy Roberts of Tucson, Arizona, step sons Curtis McVay and his wife Debra, Mike McVay and a step daughter Kim (Grover) Smith. Other survivors include grandchildren Samantha Thompson and her husband Mark, Julie

Henbest, Traci Cook and her husband Danny, Will Roberts, Andrew Roberts and his wife Kristen, Ashley Arnold, Nick Macklin, Michael Macklin, step grandchildren Joshua Huffman and his wife Megan, Caleb Huffman and his wife Jamie, Canaan Huffman and his wife Heather, Jacob "Beeper" Huffman and his wife Lindsay, Ben McVay, Pete McVay, Cody McVay, Jeremy McCabe, Justin McCabe and Brandi Black. Also surviving are thirty-one great-grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Visitation is 6-8PM, Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Miami.

Services are 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at First Christian Church in Miami with Leon Weece, Minister officiating. Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Military Rites will be provided by American Legion Post #147 Funeral Honors Team.

Casketbearers will be Will Roberts, Justus Washburn and Jaden Washburn, Logan Henbest, Nick Macklin, Nate Frailey, Ethan Clark and Kendryck Cook.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Grand Lake Shrine Clubs Transportation Fund.

Friends and family may send notes of encouragement by viewing O.C.'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

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 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](mailto:info@brown-winters.com)  
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

## Celebration of Life

FEB **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Miami  
2424 North Main  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-9816  
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Orville C. Macklin*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 09, 2016 at 04:58 PM

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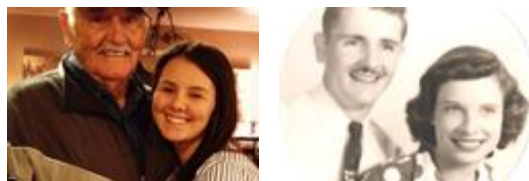
“ *He knew the right words to say, to slow down his son Steve, swinging on there tire swing in their backyard. Got a little to close to the window that Cindy was watching from!!!!!!*

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**Stephanie** - February 10, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 10, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 09, 2016 at 06:34 PM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 09, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ *My dads very best friend in the world!! Loved to listen to them reminisce about their escapades when BFG was on strike and they would go out of town to work. Always together. Great memories!!*

**sherri** - February 08, 2016 at 02:59 PM

GS

“ *Almighty Father, eternal God, hear our prayers for Your son Orville C. Macklin, whom You have called from this life to Yourself. Grant him light, happiness, and peace. Let him pass in safety through the gates of death, and live forever with all Your saints in the light You promised to Abraham and to all his descendants in faith. Guard him from all harm and on that great day of resurrection and reward raise him up with all Your saints. Pardon his sins and give him eternal life in Your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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**George Speer** - February 08, 2016 at 02:27 PM

SB

“ *Macklin Family...  
Sorry for your loss..... Your father was so special and did great thing for his fellow man  
He will be missed by all....May God give his family the peace and comfort they need at this time.....Bless you all*



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**Sharon Ballenger** - February 07, 2016 at 02:43 PM

SA

“ *I will never forget the annual 4th of July Macklin Reunions! Uncle Orville and Daddy razzing each other during the family volleyball games was only a small part of the comradely. There was much joy and love shared during those brief visits. I admired Uncle Orville's bigger-than-life honor to those veterans who faithfully served our nation. He will be truly missed. With loving thoughts, Sandy Taylor*

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**sandy** - February 07, 2016 at 09:30 AM

RM

“ *Ron And Sue Mead lit a candle in memory of Orville C. Macklin*



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**Ron and Sue Mead** - February 07, 2016 at 04:05 AM

DM

“ *Danny & Carolyn Matthews lit a candle in memory of Orville C. Macklin*



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**Danny & Carolyn Matthews** - February 06, 2016 at 08:31 PM

DA

*Danny's Dad (James R. Matthews) enjoyed being a part of the Honor Guard with your Dad!*

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**Danny** - February 06, 2016 at 08:34 PM

JH

*Growing up in that I street neighborhood all the parents played an important part in or childhood Ray Hailey, Joe Booth, and of course Orville. Great memories of all these guys taught us. Love to the Macklins.*

*Jesse Hailey*

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**Jesse Hailey** - February 06, 2016 at 11:07 PM

TP

“ I grew up next door to the Macklins. Orville (that is what we called him, not O.C) was larger than life to me. He worked at the BFG plant and was in great shape with a finely chiseled chest and arms from building tires. In the summer, before air conditioning all the neighbors sat on the porches and talked way into the night. While the adults visited we kids played in the yard. Orville brought in a huge off-road tire inner tube that he had inflated to about 3/4 and set it in his front yard. We had a contest each night to set the record for how far we could fly across the yard by being catapulted from that inner tube when he jumped on the other side. Once, after winning an aluminum boat in a raffle he outfitted it with a steering wheel and motor big enough to pull neighborhood kids on a homemade surfboard attached to the back of the boat. We roared up and down Spring River for hours on that surfboard and he just drove the boat and laughed as we fell off. I could go on and on with memories of Orville. He was quite a guy, and a big part of my fond childhood memories of our neighborhood. He was a WWII veteran of the Army Air Forces, being a crew member on an A-20 aircraft. He was part of the "Greatest Generation". R.I.P Orville Macklin.

*Tom Pendergraft*

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**Tom Pendergraft** - February 06, 2016 at 08:14 PM

SA

*Really wonderful childhood memories Tom. That was a great block. We only lived there a short time, next to the McNatts, but formed lifelong friendships with some great people!*

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**Sherri Dean Auvigne** - February 07, 2016 at 02:05 PM

BB

*I remember that inner tube! I would go over to my uncle Joe's to play with my cousin Tom. The neighborhood kids were always playing ball in the front yard from Tom's through the Macklin's, north to the corner. Orville was always right in the middle of everything. I'll never forget that big grin and infectious laugh. My sympathies are with all the Macklin "kids".*

*Bill Booth*

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**Bill Booth** - February 07, 2016 at 07:48 PM

CS

“ *What a great guy O.C. Macklin was. I always looked forward to going to Walmart in Miami in hopes of seeing him. We always had the best conversations.*

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**Carla Smith** - February 06, 2016 at 06:46 PM