



## Rufus Ray Greninger

May 24, 1932 - September 2, 2025

Rufus Ray Greninger, 93, a resident of Miami, Oklahoma, passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. Rufus was born in rural Fairland, Oklahoma, on May 24, 1932, to Perry and Emma (Barger) Greninger. Rufus graduated from Fairland High School and shortly after married the love of his life Maxine Sample of August 15, 1951. Rufus was proud to serve his country in the United States Air Force. After being honorably discharged he began his career in the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. He was very proud to be an Oklahoma State Trooper where he worked until his retirement in 1978. After he retired from the highway patrol he began his second career for the Oklahoma Tax Commission where he would retire in 1997. When he was not working Rufus enjoyed playing golf, watching the University of Oklahoma, and traveling. Rufus was also very active in his church. He and Maxine worked with the youth specifically, Sunday school and vacation bible school. Rufus is preceded in passing by his parents, Perry and Emma Greninger, and siblings, Perry Jr., Ira, Raymond, Lawrence, and HK. Those left to share the memory of Mr. Greninger include his wife of seventy-four years, Maxine, sister Mildred Duniphin, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Mr. Greninger will be on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami from 3 PM to 5 PM.

Funeral services will be on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1:30 PM at Community of Christ Church in Miami. Interment will follow escorted by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol at Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami, Oklahoma, with honors being given by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Honor Guard. Services have been placed in the care of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami, Oklahoma.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Rufus' 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

SEP 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 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>

## Celebration of Life

SEP 8. 1:30 PM (CT)


Community of Christ Church  
517 East B.J. Tunnell Blvd.  
Miami, OK 74354

# Tribute Wall

 Becky Stover

“ Rufus was one of the nicest men I knew. I loved his smile and humor. Maxine I'm so very sorry for your loss. Sending my hugs prayers for comfort and hug. Love and miss you both.

Becky Stover - September 14, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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*This is Becky from Dr Pynes office*

Becky Stover - September 14, 2025 at 07:38 PM

MI

“ Rufus was such a kind person. Him and Maxine were the ones that took Michael and I to church and VBS. O what great memories we have with them both. Spending the night at there house while Rufus manned the fire in the fire place. What great memories we share. Such a loving and kind person. Sending our love to Maxine. Our deepest condolences Michele and Michael Maxson ( The twins)

michele - September 08, 2025 at 11:54 AM

PC

“ John and I are so sad to hear of Reds passing . We enjoyed many years with him and Maxine when they lived in Blackwell. We went to Six Flags once with them and we had a great time! He was a great freind! We are sending prayers for Maxine.

Pam and John Campbell - September 08, 2025 at 08:19 AM

MH

“ Rufus was a very special person to everyone that had the privilege of knowing him. Maxine, you were so blessed to be able to share each other's lives for so many years. My prayers are with you at this time. I know that you have many friends, so let them help you. God bless you.

myra harper - September 07, 2025 at 11:30 PM

KH

“ Karla Harrison purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rufus Ray Greninger.



Karla Harrison - September 06, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rufus Ray Greninger.*



September 05, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rufus Ray Greninger.

September 05, 2025 at 02:49 PM

MC

“ *Red was a big part of my life and a tremendous role model. He diagnosed my chicken pox as a kid and was my supervisor at the Tax Commission many, many years later. Two words come to mind when I think of red kind and honorable. Maxine our prayers and love are with you.*

**Mark & Pam Combest** - September 05, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DS

*So sorry Maxine! Sorry I did not get to visit with you both! I have memories of you both such a long time ago!  
Sympathy & Friendship  
Love Deborah Shouse*

**Deborah Shouse** - September 06, 2025 at 05:48 PM

KF

“ *So sorry in the loss of Rufus. Such a wonderful man.*

**Kay Fichtner** - September 05, 2025 at 02:24 PM

MC

“ *Marion and Phyllis Crockett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rufus Ray Greninger.*



**Marion and Phyllis Crockett** - September 04, 2025 at 06:48 PM