



David "Frank" Franklin Woodard

February 26, 1937 - February 15, 2023

David Franklin "Frank" Woodard was born Friday, February 26, 1937 in Muskogee, Oklahoma the son of Jaheau Bevel and Lillie Louisa (Warren) Woodard. He passed this life on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Forest Hills Care and Rehab Center in Broken Arrow. He was 85 years of age.

Frank was a 1955 graduate of Kinta, Oklahoma High School. After high school, Frank was working for a land surveyor in Pawhuska when he was recruited by the manager at Benson Lumber Company. Frank became employed at Benson Lumber Company where he enjoyed learning about the hardware and lumber business. While he was living in Pawhuska, he was a member of the Lion's Club and named 'Lion of the Year' and was the lead guitar player for a band named The Country Gentlemen. When he was young, he learned to play guitar by ear on a guitar given to him by his mother. His favorite music artist was Chet Atkins. Frank was an expert at playing the Chet Atkins music style. In 2009 Frank was encouraged to become a member of 'The Amazing Biscuit Boys' band. It was a small but powerful band with a lead singer that could sing Elvis Presley songs so well. This band and its members were dear to Frank's heart as they entertained many a nursing home in the Tulsa/Broken Arrow area for several years.

Frank proudly served his country in the Army National Guard. Frank was in Company A, 2d Battalion, 2d Training Regiment (Basic) at U. S. Army Training

Center, Engineer, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in February 1960. Frank's secondary Army training was at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, where he met many lifelong friends.

After being employed at Benson Lumber Company, Frank became employed by C. E. NATCO and worked in Pawhuska, OK, Liberal, KS, and Tulsa, OK. While living in Liberal, Kansas, Frank attended Junior College. After a long career with C.E. NATCO, Frank later worked as Fleet Salesman at Thomas Cadillac and Dean Bailey Pontiac-Oldsmobile. Frank had a passion for cars! The most cherished one being a Midnight Green 1969 Pontiac Firebird Coupe. He worked tirelessly to restore the car with original parts. He was a member of the Indian Nations Pontiac Club and Pontiac-Oakland Club International for many years. One of Frank's favorite things to do was to drive his Firebird to car shows around town. He and his car were usually the highlight of the show. His favorite pastimes were yard work, golf, playing guitar, and tinkering with his car. Of course, Frank also enjoyed spending time with his family. He had been a member of Parkview Baptist Church in Tulsa. We will miss him dearly.

He is survived by,

Daughter, Crystal and husband Bradley Dowdell, Edmond, OK

Sons, Chad Woodard and fiancé Michele Swasey, Tulsa, OK

David and wife Carrie Woodard, Broken Arrow, OK

Grandchildren, Benjamin and Kimberley, Katie and fiancé John, Caroline, Emma, Lauren, Sam, Hannah, Elijah, Jonathon, and Haley

Sisters, Becky Woodard, Muskogee, OK

Myrl Talkington, Dallas, TX

Beverly Cantrell, Dallas, TX

Mother of the Children, Marla Templeton Woodard, Broken Arrow, OK

Partner, Dorothy Greek

Dorothy's Children, Marina and husband, Jeff Baxter, Oklahoma

Chris Greek, Kansas

Tim and wife, Tara Greek, Montana

Dorothy's Grandchildren, Sydney, Chloe, Naomi, and Natalie

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Jaheau and Lillie; Siblings, J. B., Jr., Oleta

Mae, John Dean, Jimmie L, Clyde, and, Allen.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

1500 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

The family will greet friends at Hayhurst Funeral Home from 5 PM to 7 PM

Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Cemetery Committal Service

FEB 21. 2:30 PM (CT)

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1500 N. York St.
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Tribute Wall



“ *David "Frank" Franklin Woodard*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 21, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 21, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.



February 20, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.



February 19, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.



February 19, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.



February 18, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.*



February 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *We purchased 2 cars from Uncle Frank when he worked at Dean Bailey but the 1 that made the biggest impact was when he sold us my 1st SUV! I got a Loaded Bravada and he saw how giddy I was about the car! Hands down the best car experiences I'd ever had! He loved life and was passionate about his Green Machine. His guitar passion was inspired by Chet Atkins. I will always remember his smile. Until we meet again.*



Barbara Woodard - February 18, 2023 at 12:23 PM



Uncle Frank was hands down the best car salesman! We purchased 2 cars from him. I wanted a SUV so bad and asked him to please let me know when you get one! He called and said Barb.... I said you have an SUV!!! I was so giddy and we went that night to test drive the loaded Bravada. It was love at 1st sight!! Needless to say when we came back the next day, my car was washed waxed and full of gasoline. He loved his family, the 68 Pontiac Firebird AKA The Green Machine, and his love for the Guitar was inspired by Chet Atkins. Until we meet again.

Barbara Woodard - February 18, 2023 at 12:37 PM

WS

“ *Waltea J. Swasey purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.*



Waltea J. Swasey - February 18, 2023 at 12:45 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.*



February 17, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.*



February 17, 2023 at 03:38 PM

RS

“ *Robbie Scott lit a candle in memory of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard*



Robbie Scott - February 17, 2023 at 01:47 PM

GL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gene Lehmann - February 17, 2023 at 01:28 PM

GL

1964, The Country Gentlemen, Pawhuska, OK.

Gene Lehmann - February 17, 2023 at 01:29 PM

PW

I am so glad that Gene added this photo. This is how I remember Frank from my childhood. He was such an important part of my youth, and he was a wonderful family friend.

Patricia Webster - February 19, 2023 at 10:46 AM

SC

Frank was part of my childhood as well, my Dad Frank Maher worked with him at C.E. Marco and our families saw each other often when I was younger. His musical talent was amazing and I loved his guitar playing! I sure will miss him! Rush, Chad and Crystal, my heart is with you all! Love, Shannon

Shannon Maher Carter - February 19, 2023 at 04:02 PM

GL

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Gene Lehmann - February 17, 2023 at 01:16 PM

GL

Our family has lost a wonderful, sweet, gentle man and the finest guitar picker ever.

Gene Lehmann - February 17, 2023 at 01:20 PM

RS

“ *Robbie Scott purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.*



Robbie Scott - February 17, 2023 at 01:10 PM

LB

“ *Love, Rebecca, Myrl & Beverly purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.*



Love, Rebecca, Myrl & Beverly - February 17, 2023 at 09:52 AM

CW

“ *This thing I remember about my dad the most is how important our families history was to him. We would all drive all over Oklahoma and parts of Arkansas on a weekend to find the places he grew up and locate our family who had passed before. When he grew up Oklahoma didn't have all the lakes we have now. He lived and grew up places that no longer exist except to visit in a boat. Loved every minute doing that with him and my brother!*

Chad F. Woodard - February 16, 2023 at 02:41 PM

CD

“ I got acquainted with Frank and visited a lot with him at Dean Bailey Oldsmobile. We enjoyed talking about cars and kids every time I had my car serviced.

Carl L Dowdell - February 16, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David "Frank" Franklin Woodard.



February 16, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 15, 2023 at 05:07 PM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Woodard family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of David.

Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 15, 2023 at 09:20 AM