



## Francis L. Arnett

March 7, 1936 - March 26, 2016

A private family service for Francis Lucas Arnett will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2016 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Francis passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2016. He was 80 years old.

Francis Lucas Arnett was born on March 7, 1936 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Charles and Pauline (Lucas) Arnett. Francis attended Oklahoma A&M University where he played in the marching band. Francis went on to faithfully serve his country in the United States Army.

Francis was a loving father to his children and grandchildren. He worked as a toymaker, crafting and designing wooden toys for children. He had a fondness for Appaloosa horses and raised them over the years. Francis was also a talented musician and played in several bands as a drummer.

Francis is survived by,

Son, Chuck Arnett, Tacoma, Washington

Daughter, Kim Besse and husband Paul, Gainbrills, Maryland

Grandchildren, Mason, Erin and Alex

Sister, Linda Ritchie and husband Kenneth, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Niece, Diana Martin and husband Keith, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Great nieces and nephews, Kenneth, Matthew and Amy

Francis was preceded in death by his parents.



# Cemetery Details

## **Fort Gibson National Cemetery**

1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Tribute Wall



“ Francis L. Arnett

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“ Many of my cherished memories of Dad were about how he made ordinary things wonderful and fun. When I was 10 years old, he gave me a necklace for Christmas. I don't remember the necklace but I do vividly remember the packaging. He hid the necklace in the fuselage of a biplane that he made out of cardboard and gift wrap. It was amazing!

Kim Besse - March 29, 2016 at 07:05 AM

BF

“ Brenda & Gene Flynn lit a candle in memory of Francis L. Arnett



Brenda & Gene Flynn - March 28, 2016 at 07:51 PM

SM

“ Hello Linda and Family  
I will miss Frank seeing him each time our paths crossed he was  
always a positive spirit.  
His artistic gift and passion for his Toy Making and giving speaks  
highly of how big his heart and talents are.  
He will be dearly missed.  
Mike and I send our condolences.  
Love Mike and Sylvia Mitchell

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**sylvia an Mike Mitchrll** - March 28, 2016 at 07:40 PM

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“ Hayhurst Funeral Home Family lit a candle in  
memory of Francis L. Arnett



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home Family** - March 28, 2016 at 04:31 PM