



## PFC Gene Sappington

October 24, 1925 - June 3, 2018

A graveside funeral service with full military honors for Private First Class Oscar Eugene "Gene" Sappington will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Family will welcome guests at the funeral home for visitation on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gene went missing in action during World War II in 1945 while serving his country in the United States Army. Gene was found in 1947 by a woodsman in Belgium. At that time he was buried in a grave marked "Unknown" as his remains went unidentified until DNA testing confirmed his identity in June of 2017.

Gene was born in Dawson, Oklahoma on Saturday, October 24, 1925 to Alphin Oscar and Mabel Lucille (Thompson) Sappington. Gene was the youngest of five children and attended Rogers High School in Tulsa. He worked at the Philbrook Art Museum before he went into service with the United States Army.

Gene was an outdoors man and loved to hunt and fish, especially with his beloved brother and his hound dog by his side. Gene was a member of the Dawson Church of God of Prophecy.

This courageous young man and soldier perished during his war service at the young age of 19. His heroic and selfless acts of courage and bravery will never be forgotten by the grateful nation to which he so proudly and honorably served.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, 1 brother, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 S. Memorial Dr.  
Tulsa, OK 74145  
(918) 627-0220  
<http://memorialparktulsa.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 8.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

**JUN 9.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *PFC Gene Sappington*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Edna Sappington Patton lit a candle in memory of PFC Gene Sappington*



**Edna Sappington Patton** - June 08, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *I never met Gene: But he is a family member and a fellow veteran who gave his life in service for our country: He is a hero .*



**Bobby Sappington** - June 04, 2018 at 06:21 AM