



## Merle Clifton Kirkland

July 9, 1948 - December 9, 2016

Services honoring the life of Merle Clifton Kirkland have been scheduled for 11:00 AM, December 14, 2016 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Interment with full military honors will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Merle Clifton Kirkland was born on Friday, July 9, 1948 in Talihina, Oklahoma the son of Earl and Lealer (Carney) Kirkland. Merle died on Friday, December 9, 2016 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He was 68 years of age.

Merle attended Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, before joining the United States Army at the age of 17. He served in Vietnam and Desert Storm and was a Purple Heart recipient. Merle later worked as a Correctional Officer, and had other jobs in between. He was a man of many trades. He attended First Indian Baptist Church in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Merle enjoyed sports, listening to music, and spending time with family.

Merle is survived by,

8 Children, Douglas Kirkland and wife Julia, Stigler, OK

Brian Kirkland, Stigler, OK

Lisa Bournes, Van Buren, OK

Randy Bournes and wife Reva, Van Buren, OK  
Lealer Winn and Vann Cauley, Spring Hope, NC  
Stacey Arthurs and husband Michael, Mounds, OK  
Casey Kirkland, Collinsville, OK  
Tracy Urban and husband Scott, Tulsa, OK

24 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren

Siblings, Maudie Ann Tolbert, McAlester, OK  
Matthew Kemp, McAlester, OK  
Mary Kemp, McAlester, OK  
Johnnie Sue Kemp, McAlester, OK  
Earl Kirkland, McAlester, OK  
Dorothy Jim, McAlester, OK  
Sarah Kirkland, Tahlequah, OK

Numerous Nieces, Nephews and Other Loving Family.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Hubert Kemp, Ruth Cummins and Hester Gardner.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **13**. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Merle Clifton Kirkland*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *You will never be forgotten and we'll always remember all the good memories we shared together. I love and miss you grandpa.*  
*Heather*



**Heather Winn** - December 13, 2016 at 01:11 PM



“ *I'M GOING TO MISS YOU UNCLE MERLE.  
LOVE YOU. SISSY CUMMINS CLARK*



**SISSY CUMMINS CLARK** - December 12, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Kirkland family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Merle Clifton Kirkland.*



**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - December 11, 2016 at 02:39 AM