



## MO Cozort

November 7, 1937 - January 30, 2022

M.O. Neal Cozort was born in Drumwright, Oklahoma on Sunday, November 7, 1937, to Major Otho and Grace Lora (Heasley) Cozort. He passed from this life to his eternal home in heaven on Sunday, January 30, 2022, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 84.

M.O. was the seventh of ten children born to the Cozorts'. He had six brothers and 3 sisters. He grew up in Shamrock as a youngster. His father died suddenly at 53 years of age leaving his mother to raise 10 children which she did with strength and love. During his youth the family moved to the Tulsa area, and he attended and graduated from Webster High School in 1957. During those high school years, he met and fell in love with Wanda Billingsly. The two were married on June 30, 1960, in Tulsa. M.O. enlisted in the U.S. Army in September of 1961 and proudly served protecting our country until September of 1967.

Although he and Wanda were not able to have children, they were blessed to share in the raising of their 2 nephews, and niece, whom they dearly loved. M.O. was a home builder most of his life after returning from the service. He was a member of the Home Builders Association of Tulsa and a member of the Church of Christ. He was a loving husband to Wanda for 61 years and a loving father figure to their two nephews and niece. All would gravitate to him as he was not only kind and loving, but always the fun one in any group. He had a heart for the less fortunate, especially children and was always the first to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Most of the time, wherever MO was, there were a group of kids laughing and having fun. His humor and empathy were the salve for many a wound in his lifetime. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are wife, Wanda, of the home  
Nephew, Rickey Edmondson (Laura) of Phoenix, Arizona  
Nephew, Mark Edmondson (Brenda), of Bixby  
Niece, Shelley (Edmondson) Travers of Tulsa

Their children: Jacob Edmondson, Elias Edmondson, Grace Edmondson, Nicholas Edmondson, Gillian Edmondson, Dawn Travers, Robert Travers, and Anna Travers

Sister, Lora Moody (Don) of Tulsa

Brother Ron Cozort (Raylene) of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas

Brother Donnie Cozort of Tulsa

Sister-in-law Jean Pinkston (Jim) of Tulsa

Brother-in-law Eddie Billingsly (Sherry) of Tulsa

And nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to name.

Those who preceded him in death are his parents, brothers: James Cozort, Wayne

Cozort, Calvin Cozort, and Jerry Cozort and sisters: Bernice Jones, and Priscilla Watson

Flowers are appreciated or donations can be made in M.O.'s name to the National Junior

Diabetes Research Foundation at <https://www.JDRF.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB **9**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
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## Visitation

FEB **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
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## Graveside Service

FEB **10**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of MO Cozort



Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 03, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ MO Cozort

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ My kind loving brother helped me grow up!

ron cozort - September 20, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ Remembering MO as a special guy. Good looking man with a dry humor I admired. My heart goes out to all the Cozort family. He will truly be missed Harriett (Lee)Milam

Harriett Lee Milam - February 11, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of MO Cozort.



February 10, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of MO Cozort.



February 09, 2022 at 09:21 AM

PJ

“ When I married into this family almost 50 years ago (my MIL was M.O.'s oldest sister - Berneice) it didn't take me long to figure out how blessed I was. One of my favorite things about M.O. was his dry sense of humor and after making a comment so nonchalantly - it may take me a minute - but always made me laugh. Calvin also had this trait as well as my husband. RIP M.O. and thank you for the memories - Hugs Wanda - we are here if you need anything. Rod and Patrice



Patrice Jones - February 08, 2022 at 12:01 PM

CK

“ The last time I saw MO was at Park Church of Christ. He was sitting at one of the small tables by the doors waiting for my good friend Wanda and I to finish talking. He smiled that contagious smile and waved with nary a hint of being impatient with us for talking so long. How blessed you have been Wanda to spend 61 years doing life with him. I graduated high school with Wanda and Ronnie Cozort, grew up at the same church with Mary Dale who married Wayne, went to church at Garnett with Lora when she and Don moved to Tulsa to be with their son Randy who had become our new preacher. A great family! My prayer is that God's peace will be with all the Cozort family as they go through this time of grief. My love and prayers go out to the entire family.

Carolyn Kusler - February 08, 2022 at 11:17 AM

GP

“ Gloria & Jean Pinkston purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of MO Cozort.



Gloria & Jean Pinkston - February 07, 2022 at 03:17 PM

JA

“ Wanda & Ronnie, You are in the thoughts and prayers of all your Webster and Westside classmates and friends. While I knew you both more than M.O., I knew M.O. well enough to respect him for his fighting and friendliness. The Westside in our day was a place where fighters and friends were our heroes...and there was no better fighter and friend than M.O. He might have projected a hard exterior, but he had a soft and compassionate heart. There are people you remember and there are people you miss, but M.O. will be both remembered and missed. He's simply one of those amazing heroes that made the Westside such a special place to grow up. We all need heroes and M.O. was one of mine. May God Bless you and the Cozort Family in your time of sorrow and may the fond memories of M.O. comfort you in your sadness. Johnny Admire

John Admire - February 06, 2022 at 06:51 PM

GH

“ Gary & Mary Hughes purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of MO Cozort.



Gary & Mary Hughes - February 06, 2022 at 03:38 PM

AW

“ Anne Fairchild (Ronnie's wife) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of MO Cozort.



Anne Fairchild (Ronnie's wife) - February 06, 2022 at 10:11 AM

DC

“ Danise Conrad lit a candle in memory of MO Cozort



Danise Conrad - February 04, 2022 at 11:20 AM

AM

“ Wanda,

*Sending our Love, Hugs, and Prayers for you. M. O. was a wonderful Christian Man that knew how to develop and maintain Christian relationships by using his humor/personality to Brighten others lives daily. He will be missed greatly. We will continue to keep you in our daily prayers and may God give you peace, comfort, encouragement, and strength daily.*

*Love,*

*Norris/Ivene Cozort*

*Tim, Amber, and Corby Redburn*

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**Amber(Cozort)Redburn** - February 04, 2022 at 10:03 AM

BE

“ *Ever since I was a little girl and we would have meals together, Uncle M.O. would always look at me and say this is better than Copenhagen. When I was young I would always agree not knowing what Copenhagen was. As I got older and found out what that meant it was still fun to hear him say that to me every time we ate together. He and I also shared a love for desserts and Aunt Wanda indulged us in this area. We were always ready to eat anything with sugar in it and we both chose Coke over Pepsi. Rest in peace my dear uncle and hopefully, I will see you again someday.*

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**Becky** - February 03, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MO Cozort.*



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February 02, 2022 at 07:33 PM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Cozort family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of M.O.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - February 02, 2022 at 11:02 AM