



Oscar Nipps Jr.

September 25, 1925 - April 19, 2021

Oscar “Junior” Nipps was born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on Friday, September 25, 1925 to Oscar Thomas and Bessie (Baker) Nipps. He passed from this life to his eternal home in heaven on Monday, April 19, 2021 at the age of 95.

“Junior” was the third of five children born to the Nipps’. His father was a farmer, and his mother was a full-time homemaker raising those five children. “Junior” attended Sunnyside School on 71st Street in Broken Arrow through the 6th Grade. By this time, his father needed his full-time help with the family farm. Just one month before his 19th birthday, “Junior” was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served overseas in the South Pacific Theatre as an Infantryman, earning both a World War 2 Victory Medal as well as the Bronze Star. One day when he was doing KP duty, the head cook noticed how good of a job that he was doing. He approached “Junior” and told him that if he would volunteer for full-time KP Duty that the then head cook was soon going to get out and they would need someone like “Junior” to take his place. His final six months in the Army was serving the men in the “mess hall” as their head cook.

“Junior” had been friends with Melza Faye Hodges since their early childhood. Three months after he returned home from his service to our country, he and Melza were married on March 30, 1946 in Broken Arrow. Their marriage would last over 57 years before her passing in 2003. They became the parents of three children: two sons and one daughter. He started his career in

the construction business as a drywall installer and then eventually became an electrician and worked for K & R Electric for over 20 years before retiring. He always worked hard to provide for his family and is remembered as a very kind and fair man. He has a street in Broken Arrow named after him and received an honorary diploma from Broken Arrow High School on July 1, 2020 in front of hundreds of cheering students and parents at the ceremony. He has been a member of the Broken Arrow Church of Christ for the past fifteen years and worked at Broken Arrow's Military History Museum for the last several years as a volunteer. "Junior" was a true American hero and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to:
Military History Museum 112 N. Main Street Broken Arrow, OK 74012 or www.okmhc.org

"Junior" is survived by:

Son, Roland Nipps and his wife, Jeanie of Broken Arrow

Grandchildren: Valina Enslin of Wagoner

Rick Nipps and his wife, Dawn

Shelly

Shannan Noland

Great Grandchildren: Drew, John, Patrick, Audrey, Zoe and Austyn

Son-in-law: Tom Evans

He was preceded in death by his wife, Melza, a daughter, June Evans and a son, Ronnie Nipps

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 23. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
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Visitation

APR 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Oscar Nipps Jr.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 23, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ Oscar Nipps Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ I just learned of Mr. Nipps passing. He was my friend for many years at BACOC. I was shocked and saddened that I didn't hear about this sooner and he will be missed.



Shane Blackstock - May 27, 2021 at 03:06 PM

SN

“ Prayers to the whole family.. i was so lucky i got to meet junior i was married to his nephew nick i remember the day clearly he came to pick up wood they had cut for him and i actually went into labor that day with my first daughter and as my girls grown they grew to love him as much as the rest of us did may he fly in the heavenly sky with melza. i also remember me and katelyn coming up to the museum in broken arrow to see him and let him meet ivans great grandson prayers from all of us.

Shelia, Brittney, Katelyn, and Maridon Nipps

shelia nipps - April 24, 2021 at 12:29 PM

CR

“ Our love and prayers are with you on this day and all the days ahead. You in our minds and hearts
Love David and Cheryl Ross

Cheryl Ross - April 24, 2021 at 10:53 AM

AR

“ *Roland and family, we are sorry for your loss. Mr. Nipps was a very special gentleman and we enjoyed seeing him during his visits to Franks Drive In over the years. The Redman Family*

Alta Redman - April 23, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Nipps Jr..*



April 22, 2021 at 12:41 PM

KC

“ *It was a pleasure and an honor to have known Junior. May he rest in peace after a wonderful and productive life.*

Ken Cook - April 21, 2021 at 05:16 PM

GM

“ *Jr. was one of the Sweetest people I have had the Honor to know. I remember how he loved his apple fritters and Dr.Pepper. He so proud when Andrea made him an apple fritter cake for his birthday. And he loved visiting the Veterans War Memorial Museum. I am so Thankful he was able to take me on the Grand tour of it. My deepest condolences to his family. Rest in Peace Jr., Thank you for your service and your Friendship. This World has lost a great man. But Heaven has gained one of the Best.*



Georgia Million - April 21, 2021 at 02:06 PM

JB

“ *I miss Jr.'s trips to my office. He first started with chocolate kisses and loved to tell everyone he got kisses every day from me. Then he thought he was gaining weight so he changed to the chocolate chip cookies. I even send him a package to the nursing home when he first went there. He was a joy to know. I loved him and will miss him.*

JeanE Bailie

JeanE Bailie - April 21, 2021 at 11:25 AM

CJ

“ Oh how he enjoyed the chocolate chip cookies & Hershey Kisses kept in JeanE Bailey's office at the Military History Center! We will miss hearing his walker headed down the hallway to pick up his daily indulgence.

Cathy Johnson - April 20, 2021 at 01:08 PM

JK

“ I knew Junior & his wife, Melza, because mom got her hair done by Melza. They were both such nice people & fun to be around.

June Karraker - April 20, 2021 at 01:16 AM

JM

“ Mr. Nipps was ABSOLUTELY one of the members of THE GREATEST GENERATION THIS WORLD HAS EVER SEEN!! So sorry to hear this news, BUT VERY PROUD, to have known him!

Jerry Medlin - April 20, 2021 at 12:55 AM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 19, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Nipps family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Oscar.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 19, 2021 at 08:58 PM