



## Wayne Nelson

November 8, 1945 - April 25, 2019

A graveside service honoring Wayne Eugene Nelson will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery followed by a luncheon at Kingdom Rain international.

Wayne was born on Thursday, November 8, 1945 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Rueban and Martha (Durham) Nelson. Wayne passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2019 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 73.

Wayne graduated from Will Rogers High School and was proud to be a Roper. He also was proud of his Cherokee Indian Heritage.

He earned an associates degree in drafting as well as administration. Wayne proudly enlisted in the United States Army and honorably served our country until his discharge in 1965.

On August 29, 1982 Wayne married Judith Wentz in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Wayne was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He adored his family and loved spending time with them, especially his grandchildren.

In his free time, Wayne enjoyed being outdoors and gardening. In his youth, Wayne was known as an "All Tulsa Bowler" and recognized in the Tulsa World. Wayne served as an Elder to Pulaski's Heights Presbyterian church in Little Rock Arkansas. Through the years he volunteered as a Sunday School teacher for 4th graders, youth leader for middle school boys and girls as well as Member Care for an adult Sunday School class. He also pitched for several slow pitch teams and participated in adult soccer in Tulsa.

Memorials may be made to John 3:16 Mission, 20207 N. Martin Luther King

Blvd., Tulsa, OK 74106.

Wayne is survived by,

Wife, Judith Nelson, Tulsa, OK, Daughters April Taylor, Tulsa , Laura Lafors,  
Richmond Virginia, Stepsons, Bob Ricks, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Doug  
Ricks, Tulsa. and 10 grandchildren, one Great-Granddaughter.

Wayne 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



“ *Wayne Nelson*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.*



Larry & Lana Hurt (NE OK PGR) - May 13, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Nelson family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Wayne,*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - April 26, 2019 at 10:36 AM