



Walter Ray Tucker

September 17, 1929 - June 22, 2019

On June 22, 2019, while surrounded by his children, Walter Ray Tucker went home to the Lord.

Walter was born September 17, 1929 in East Chicago, Indiana to Clyde and Edna Tucker. He spent his childhood in central and southern Illinois before landing in southwest Indiana. Walter graduated from Griffin High School in 1948. Walter enjoyed sports while in school, primarily basketball and baseball. It was also during high school that he met his future wife, Bessie Strickland. Walter was drafted into the Army in 1951. He and Bessie married on June 4 of that year during his furlough after basic training. Walter served two years with the 28th Division, one of those years being in West Germany. After discharge, Walter became a full-time student at Evansville College where he received a BA in Business Administration. It was also during this time that he became a father when his son, Steven, was born in 1954. His daughters, Stephanie and Sandra, were born in 1957 and 1959. His children fondly remember the many vacations and weekends spent camping, and always fishing, with family and friends. Because of his son, Walter coached Little League, started a Cub Scouts group, and continued as a scout leader for several years.

Walter spent thirty-six years working for Continental Oil Company/Conoco. His job moved him and his family to Oklahoma in 1971, and then on to Louisiana where he spent his last thirteen years with the company. After retirement in 1992, he and Bessie moved to Yukon, Oklahoma to be closer to his children and grandchildren. During retirement, Walter enjoyed a variety of crafts,

especially wood-carving. All of his children and grandchildren will now cherish the many items hand-crafted by their dad and “Paw-Paw.”

Walter is preceded in death by his wife, Bessie; parents, Clyde and Edna; brothers, Clyde “Allen” and Samuel; and sister, Nancy. He is survived by his brother and wife, Ronald and Susan Tucker of Mt. Vernon, Indiana; son, Steven of Yukon, Oklahoma; daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Kevin Anderson of Edmond, Oklahoma; daughter, Sandra Smalling of Yukon, Oklahoma; grandson and wife, Kyle and Heather Anderson of Stillwater, Oklahoma; granddaughter and husband, Katie and Kyle McCoy of Mustang, Oklahoma; and grandson, Sean of Yukon, Oklahoma. Walter is also survived by three great-grandsons, Owen, Kaden, and Calvin; many nieces, nephews, and other extended family in Indiana and Oregon.

A memorial service was held on July 1st at Walter’s home church in Yukon, Oklahoma. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, July 30th, at 10:30am at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery; Griffin, Indiana, where he will be laid to rest next to his wife.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Griffin)

552 County Road 1150 N
Griffin, IN 47616

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Ray Tucker*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Walter's Family, my memories go back to riding the school bus back in grade school in Poseyville for a few years. when they lived near before they moved to Griffin. I knew the family and remember his Mother, a very jolly lady. Walter and I shared the same birthdate, except he was two years older. I have some pictures of a birthday party. I will keep your Family in my prayers, Sincerely, Betty Espenlaub*



Betty Espenlaub - July 24, 2019 at 12:24 PM