



Ernest Leonard Shoemake, Jr.

April 19, 1921 - December 18, 2010

Ernest Leonard ("E.L.") Shoemake, Jr., age 89, of Lindsay, OK, passed away Saturday, December 18, 2010 in Oklahoma City, OK. One of ten children, he was born on April 19, 1921 in Bennington, OK to Ernest Leonard Shoemake, Sr. and Nora Jean Shoemake. He moved to Lindsay as a child and graduated from Lindsay schools. A longtime member of the United Methodist Church and numerous civic organizations, E.L. was a shining example for his family and friends. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 61 years, Marva Jean. Despite being repeatedly out-numbered and out-maneuvered when wrestling with his grandchildren, at the end of the day he was always able to devour his beloved ear sandwiches. His love for his wife, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters and University of Oklahoma football knew no bounds.

Survivors include three sons, Terry Shoemake of Piedmont, OK; Lindell Shoemake and wife, Paige of Edmond, OK; and Kim Shoemake and wife, Carol of Yukon, OK His grandchildren are Suzie Arnold; Diane LaJoie and husband, John; Cory Shoemake and wife, Kerri; Lindsey Shoemake; Logan Bradley and wife, Cristina; Lauren Shoemake; Gram Shoemake; Jimmie Case; and Bob Case. His great-grandchildren are Melissa Corlett, Miranda Sobek, Chance Sobek, Justin Case, Jordan Case, and his "birthday buddy" Audrey Shoemake. He is preceded in death by both parents and all of his siblings; Eva Self, Jack Shoemake, Troy Shoemake, June Sinclair, Glenn Shoemake, Grover Shoemake, Garland Shoemake, Dale Shoemake, and

Dana Humphers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay. Services will be held Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 10:30 at the United Methodist Church in Lindsay with Rev. Ron King conducting the service. He will be laid to rest in Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay. Memorial Contributions can be made to Lindsay EMS and the United Methodist Church of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

HR

“*Lindell & Kim - I am sorry I was unable to attend the service for E.L. He always visited with me at the funerals we attended in past years. Never once did he mention that, from 1967 to 1981, the greatest challenge to his immaculate lawn was a wind from the north. He will be missed.*

Hank Ryan - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“*My heart breaks for Terry, Lindell, Kim and your families. EL loved his boys and his family. On my visits back to Lindsay, EL would try to fill me in on everyone and Marva Jean would say, She does not want to hear all that. It was so cute to see the two of them in action. EL had a heart of gold. I will always remember his cute chuckle. Keep your memories close.

I am sorry I could not make it back for the services.

With Love,

Bonnie Lee*

Bonnie Foley Kurtz - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“*Lindell so sorry to hear of your father passing. Seems like all of our parents from the Class of '68 are dropping like flies. May God give you boys a special blessing. E.L. was a good man and raised 3 good men.*

Donna Price - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“*My sisters Faye, Maye and I all went to school with EL. He was a good friend and married our dear classmate Marva Jean West. I can say he has always been a wonderful guy.*

Raye Archer - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ E.L. was one of my favorite people in Lindsay. I just loved him and Marva Jean. Long years after John and I were married we would visit with him at coffee before church services at the Methodist Church. John (my husband) really liked his bent grass lawn and would talk with E.L. about that. He was truly such a fine person! My thoughts and prayers are with all you and your families during this time. His spirit and goodness lives on in each of you sons.

Neosha Mackey - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ A dear neighbor, friend, and golfing buddy from past years. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Joe and Juanda Howell - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Lindell, Terry and Kim, I am sorry to hear of EL's passing. He was a fine man. He will be missed by the Lindsay community.

Kent Davis - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of another Lindsay icon. He and my dad were good friends, as he was a good friend to many. My condolences to all the family.

Louanne Ward Trueblood - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ E.L. was wonderful man and he was always a joy to visit with. He will be missed! My prayers are with you all.

Diane Powell - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *E.L. was a good man. He will be missed by all who knew him. My prayers go out for his family.*

Frances Bell Bunch - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Terry and Lendel: I knew E.L. all my life since we lived just around the corner for years and grew up with the two of you. E.L. was a very fine man and he will be missed by all who knew him. I'm very sorry for you loss.*

Lanny Smith - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Terry, Lindell & Kim- So sorry to hear of EL's passing. The Clements & Shoemake's have been family friends for decades and it is so sad that the patrioch's are now gone. May God Bless your family.*

Bill & Darla Clements - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM