



Fred Wesley Mills

April 3, 1917 - August 20, 2005

Fred Wesley Mills passed away on August 20, 2005 at the Norman Regional Hospital at the age of 88 years. He was born on April 3, 1917 in the Dibble, Oklahoma to Archey Edmond and Sarah Josephine Mills. Fred was one of nine children. He married Vivia Oleta Cook of Purdy Oklahoma on May 30, 1942. The wedding ceremony was in Phoenix Arizona while. Fred and Oleta were on their way to Los Angeles, California, to work for Douglas Aircraft.

Later Fred joined the Army and worked in aircraft maintenance during WWII until his honorable discharge on 24 April 1946. His first child was born while Fred was on active duty in the Philippines.

When Fred returned home, he was employed by Rural Electric Coop in Lindsay where he worked for 33 years until his retirement. He farmed and ranched during those years and raised four children. He was a faithful member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Lindsay and served his Lord as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher for many years.

Fred loved children and had a gentleness that could calm their fears and dry their tears. He loved to garden and took delight in giving away the best of his crops to friends, neighbors, and family. His kindness and willingness to help others exemplified his faith and values.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, brothers and sisters Dormie Mills and Alvin (Sonny) Mills, Gladys Stidham, Lucille Duke Lanter, Velman Mae Vinzant, and Faye Minor.

Fred is survived by his children, Wesley David Mills and wife Lana of Bedford, Texas, Howard Wayne Mills and wife Kelli of Pryor, Oklahoma, Phillip Randolph Mills of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Jana Foy Mills Gibson and husband Chuck Gibson of Clinton, Oklahoma. He is also survived by a sister, Vadys Mills Minson and her husband Kenneth of El Paso, Texas, a brother Elton Mills and his wife Lavera of Blanchard, as well as grandchildren Kari, Laura, Jon, Jared, Leah, James, Jason, Ryan and great-grandchild Cody. Fred is also survived by his "Best Friend" Billy Ramsey and her family who shared many special occasions and family reunions.

In honor of his military service the Lindsay American Legion will conduct a 21 gun salute and play taps.

Services for Fred are scheduled for August 24, 2005 at 10 AM at the First Baptist Church, Lindsay Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the Mills family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I'm so sorry to heard of Fred's passing. My wife and I used to help at the Senior Citizen Center, (Noon Day Meals)and I could see my wife take off almost running, and I knew that Fred Mills had just arrived. She said that Fred's hands shook so badly and if he tried to get his own milk and coffee, he usually spilled half of it...so that was Mary's daily duty to get Fred taken care of....I got to know Fred when his wife Oleta Cook Mills, was cutting the yard and was on a riding lawnmower. She had a collision with the Propane Tank of their property (caused sparks, which set off the whole Propane Tank, and Oleta was burned up in that fire). Oleta was Catherine Cook's sister, who was my girl friend for a time, in High School. Catherine lived way down at Purdy, and I would pick her up at Fred's and Oleta house on the week-end's.(at Erin Springs) That was much appreciated, as it was a long way to Purdy in those days in my old MODEL-A FORD, (piece of junk), which was all I could afford, so as I said it was so nice that they let me pick Catherine up at their house....Yes that was 60 years ago, and I sill appreciate your kindness and help. Then I got to know Fred again, as he would eat at the Senior Citizen Center for his daily noon meals. There were other good deeds Fred did- to many to list....But Fred Mills you are remembered. Rest in Peace.....Yes Fred and Billie Ramsey were unseperatable friends....was good for both of them....if you wanted to know about one of them, ask the other one.....lol Rest in Peace Fred....Leonard

Leonard L Hill - November 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ David and Wayne,

So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Ross Murphy - August 27, 2005 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers, are with all four of you.
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Maxene Rogers - August 23, 2005 at 01:00 PM

LG

“ *Jana and Randy I'am so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was a very Godly man whom I looked up to in my younger days at Freewill. may God continually be with your family in these times.*

Lester Grumbles - August 21, 2005 at 01:00 PM