



## Lawrence "Woody" O. Woodruff

July 4, 1918 - November 2, 2015

Lawrence O. "Woody" Woodruff was born on July 4, 1918 in Waverly, Kansas to William Ray Woodruff and Leo (Jennings) Woodruff. He married Grace Loraine Duncan on May 7, 1939 in Fort Scott, Kansas. During the first part of World War II, Woody worked as a civilian as an Aircraft Procurement Inspector for Midwest Procurement District in Wichita, Kansas. In this position, he inspected air craft to insure that they came up to requirements before they were accepted for government use. Woody served his country as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II from January 1944 to October 1945. He was a B-24 Pilot serving in the EAME Theater. He flew in 29 combat sorties, flying the B-24 aircraft, flying in varying weather conditions requiring the use of blind flight instruments. He also commanded a crew and supervised the maintenance of aircraft. He attained the rank of First Lieutenant.

Woody and Grace and their two children moved to Lindsay, Oklahoma in 1956 where Woody lived until 2014 when he moved to Ardmore to be near family. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Lindsay and in Ardmore and the American Legion. He was employed by Ingersoll Rand Company (formerly Cabot Corporation) for 30 years, working in various capacities but lastly as a manager of service training. Woody's interests included aviation of all kinds, both indoor and outdoor cooking, music and antique tractors and machinery. He also loved to travel. Another interest for which he attended school to be certified was working as a repairman on band instruments. Woody went home

to be with his Lord on Monday, November 2, 2015 at Elmbrook Nursing Home in Ardmore, Oklahoma at the age of 97. He was a man held in high regard by many. He was loved and respected by his family and friends, and he will be truly missed in their lives.

Woody is survived by his daughter, Linda K. (Woodruff) Johnson and husband David, his son, Ernest R. Woodruff and wife Jeanne, his grandchildren, Steve, John and Mark Johnson, Melissa Wallace and Pamela Evans and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Grace Loraine (Duncan) Woodruff on January 21, 2004. Also preceding him in death were his daughter, Carolyn Mae Woodruff on August 5, 1945 and his parents, William and Leo Woodruff.

Funeral services for Mr. Woodruff are set for two o'clock p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Church of Christ, located on Highway 19 West in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Mark Johnson officiating and John Johnson and Steve Johnson assisting. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay with military honors by the American Legion Ball-Smith Post 23. Services are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ Linda, Ernie and Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Your dad truly was a Godly man.

Darla King - November 09, 2015 at 11:24 PM

TB

“ So sorry to here of Woody passing. We all know he is in a better place. My mother enjoyed visiting with you all and myself when we could get together. I know that a part of you is missing from your Dads death and that void well remain tell we all meet again God welling in Heaven. God be with you and your Family.

Terry Barnes - November 08, 2015 at 09:08 AM

MF

“ Linda, I was so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Mickey Fisher - November 07, 2015 at 10:50 PM

TN

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dad. We only recently got to meet Woody and enjoyed so much spending time with him while we taxed his brain, pulling out old WW2 memories. You might remember that my husband Tod sat down with him and flew the simulator. I personally enjoyed most his stories about him and your mom. He was indeed a valued member of “The Greatest Generation”. Woody was a fascinating story teller! It was a great pleasure to meet him and reminisce about his younger years. We are honored to have know him so briefly. Our hearts ache for your loss. May God's promises speak comfort to your hearts.

Tod and Patsy Nichols - November 06, 2015 at 02:07 PM

NM

“ Linda and Dave, and all the family, it is always so sad when a loved one dies regardless of age or circumstance. Your father lived a long and good life and his legacy has to be his wonderful family for you are so good and loving. Bless you all.

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**Neosha Mackey** - November 05, 2015 at 10:12 PM

CS

“ May God bless you all in your loss. It was a privilege to meet Woody and to know your family. We look forward to that eternal Day where there is nothing that makes this life painful.

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**Chris and Connie Stinnett** - November 04, 2015 at 02:05 PM

RO

“ Linda, So sorry for your loss. Woody seemed like a great Christian man to me. He has finished the race. It was a long difficult race, but he has finally finished it (2Tim.4). He is where he always wanted to be and worked toward

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**Ron and Melanie Osborn** - November 04, 2015 at 12:43 PM

GF

“ I'm sorry to hear of the news of Woody's passing, but I have no doubt in my mind that he was ready and willing to make the transition. There are so many words that could be used to describe this wonderful man- a true man of God. So full of wisdom, he was one of the finest men I have ever known. He once described to me what it was like to &quot;grab the stick of a tail dragger&quot;. He had served our country with great honor, but in a humble way that was Woody. But his greatest service was that of our Almighty God. From the time I first knew him as a young man, his dedication to the Lord's church, HIS bride, was very evident. No matter the circumstances, his devotion never waivered. He was one of the original elders that saw the vision for the need of a larger building and campus needed to serve the Lindsay area back in the late 60's . He was one of the smartest men I have ever known, with a wit matched by few. You made a great run Woody. Knowing you the way I knew you, you wouldn't change a thing. Welcome home dear friend! Tell Grace hello! Respectfully- Glen Fox

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**Glen Fox** - November 04, 2015 at 08:57 AM

RP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Woody. He was a wonderful man. Thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort.

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**Randy & Phyllis Phillips** - November 04, 2015 at 08:06 AM

JA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mr. Woody was one of the many elders I grew up with on Smith Cr. & Pryor Dr.

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**Janet Hassler Adams** - November 03, 2015 at 06:45 PM