



Virgil Price Akers

July 22, 1921 - December 31, 2011

Virgil Price Akers, 90, passed from this life on Saturday, December 31, 2011, at his daughter and son-in-law's home in Enid, Oklahoma. Price was born July 22, 1921, in Dougherty, Oklahoma, to Hugh Price and Ida Velma (Bobo) Akers. Price was born in Dougherty but was raised in Fletcher, Oklahoma. Price quit school after the 5th grade and went to work in Newcombs Grocery Store in Fletcher to support his family. In 1940 Price left for California to work in an aircraft factory. When World War II was declared, Price left his job in an aircraft factory in Hawthorn, California, to travel back to his home state of Oklahoma to join the US Marine Corps. Price fought and survived battles on Tinnian, Guam, Saipan, Tarawa, and Iwo Jima. He married Jaunita Sarah Hamilton on May 19, 1945, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. After living for a couple years in Sand Springs, Price and Jaunita moved to Fletcher, Oklahoma, and Price went back to working for Newcombs Grocery Store. In 1951 Price went to work for Goodners' Grocery Store in Duncan and then they moved to Lindsay in 1952 to work for Goodners' in Lindsay. Price worked through the years for several different grocery stores in Lindsay, Goodners Grocery, M&W Grocery Store, Bill Williams Grocery, K&B Grocery, and then back to Goodners' until his retirement at age 83. Price was active in the American legion Ball Smith Post #23, holding several different jobs in the Post through the years. Price was a member of the legion's firing squad for funerals and Memorial Day celebrations. He also would put out the flags along Lindsay's main street on holidays until his health caused him to have to give

up these activities.

Price is survived by his daughter, Sheila Gilbert and son-in-law, USMC(Retired) Capt David Gilbert of Enid, Oklahoma, two grandsons and their wives, Brian Gilbert and wife Stephanie of San Antonio, Texas, and USN Senior Chief Eric Gilbert and wife Alicia of San Jacinto, California, and also three great-granddaughters, Jennifer and Sarah Gilbert of San Antonio, Texas, and Aubrey Gilbert of San Jacinto, California and one sister, Loma Akers King of Canadian, Texas, along with numerous nieces and nephews, and long-time adopted daughter, Georgia Baxter.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Jaunita Hamilton Akers, both of his parents, Hugh Price and Ida Velma (Bobo) Akers, three brothers Obal Tomlin, Cecil Tomlin, and Charles F. "Jack" Akers.

Funeral services for Virgil Price Akers will be held on Thursday, January 5th, 2012 at two o'clock p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, located at 410 W. Chickasaw in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Rev. Bill Baxter officiating and Pastor Matthew Celoria assisting. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. A family visitation is to be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at B.G. Boydston Funeral Home, located at 308 S.W. 3rd St. in Lindsay, Oklahoma from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *rip you will be missed very badly you was a awesome guy that i know for a long time*

(Author Not Available) - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *So sorry to hear about your dad. I remember him well from the grocery store when I was a child. My heart goes out to you.*

Beverly Dunham Miracle - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Price, you really are like brand new now. Our deepest sympathy to Sheila and family.

 Freida Smith

 and family*

Freida Smith - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *GOD...COUNTRY..FAMILY..FELLOWMAN...Those are the words that would describe Price. He was loyal to all of those things. His work ethic was second to none. He was as loyal to his passions as anyone, and he had many passions. I had the privilege of working behind the meat counter with Price in 1969 during the summer months, and I learned so much from him and about him. Price recognized the people in his life with dignity. He was as honest as the day is long. I must agree with his grandson that the mold was broken after Price was made. He truly was one of a kind...a Prince of a Man. May the family know that not only have they suffered a great loss, but the whole community of Lindsay has suffered that loss too. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, but I thank God for putting Price Akers in my life and all those who knew him, and that's quite a bunch! What a blessing it was to know him!*

Glen Fox - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ AMEN to Brian & Glen.

Leota McCoy - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I AM SO PROUD TO BE ABLE TO CALL PRICE A FRIEND. HE WAS AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

DONNA HARRIS - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Oh Sheila, my heart is with you at this very sad and difficult time. Uncle Price was so proud of you! He lit up like a Christmas tree when he talked about you. I loved watching the two of you together, so much love and so much pure joy, especially when you were working really hard. That was so Uncle Price, no complaining, just get to work and find some humor along the way -- if it's not there -- make it up. The angels really must be having recess in heaven now! He will always be in our hearts. Hugs to you and your family, Sheila.
Sharon & Lon Roberts

Sharon Roberts - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Price Akers was my hero and a true American. I will miss him but, he is in Glory now. Praise God!

Mike Somers - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sheila, How blessed you are to have had such a father and to know he is in Heaven greeting everyone there.

Julie Bunker - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ To everyone else he was Price but to me he was Pa. My life would have been completely different without him in my life. I can honestly say they broke the mold with him. I have such great memories of him from making ice cream on the porch, making a rope swing that I know my mother dreaded us swinging on, fishing in a stock pond, riding horses, my love of history from his tales of being a marine in World War II and everything I find dear to my heart. Because of Pa we are all better and although I now have a part missing I know that part is filling with his love from above. I will be stronger because of him. I can remember when I was going through cancer he would help me through it and even slept or tried to beside my bed. That lesson took years until I had my own girls to really understand what love was, I thank you for that Pa. He was the greatest teacher I could ever had I learned more from him than from all my professors combined. The greatest gift he gave me was the gift of knowing him. I have grown and changed through the years as we all have. So I say I'm gonna miss you Pa. He was father, brother, teacher, grandpa, great grandpa, and as we all can not forget Once a Marine, Always a Marine, I'll miss you but I know you are stronger now and smiling on us all.

Brian Gilbert - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Price was such a delight. Working with him was the highlight of my life, although I've known him all my life. He was just such a joy and so honest and genuine. I can just hear my dad greeting Acornhead when he saw him entering heaven.

Debbie Morehead Whitehead - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Sheila i am so sorry to hear about your dad. I worked with Price for many years at Goodners,he was a great man. He tought me a lot about gardening and every flower in my yard is thanks to him. He will be greatly missed.

Katrina McGuire Smith - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sheila, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I always enjoyed visiting with him at the store when I lived in Lindsay. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cynthia Terry Malicoat - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a fine man Uncle Price was. He had such a bubbly personality, and was always so positive. He was well-loved by EVERYONE that knew him. How he absolutely adored his family! I'm so proud of his dedication as a World War II veteran. May the Lord comfort you Sheila, David, Bryan, Eric, and families. Love Penny

Luis & Penny Hernandez (Akers) - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My life was so enriched just by knowing Price. He was a joy to work with. He was the most honest, sincere, and kind man I have ever known. I will miss him alot. Heaven is a richer place with him there. Your family is in my prayers.

Diane Powell - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Price was one of a kind. I have many great memories of when he and I worked together at Goodner's. Never a dull moment with Price. His many war stories kept us entertained and he tried his best to pass on life lessons to us who back then were just teenagers. I got him a Snap Dragon on year and he would regularly update me on it's growing progress, although I knew it was not the plant itself but the hard work he put into taking care of it. He and Juanita both blessed my life and it was an honor to know them both. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sheila and family.

Billie Webb - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Price was from the greatest Generation that has ever lived! I enjoyed him so much, when I seen him at work he always had a smile and an encouraging word to help you along or a story. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Rodney Smith - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Price. Sheila he was one of a kind. My parents had known him for years, and thought he was a good man. I worked with him at Goodners for several years, he was so kind and always had a smile for you. I would go over to visit him in the evenings after i quit Goodners, just to visit with him. I always look up to him as a great guy, he will be missed. God just got a great man.

David Harvey - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sheila and family,

We will both miss Price so much. He was such a special brother-in-law who always brought joy and a laugh to the family with his stories. We always felt his love whenever we were around him. When Jack was alive he was always so appreciative of the sacrifice Price made for the Akers family as they were growing up. He was one-of-a kind. We loved him very much.

Love Dottie

Robert & Dottie (Akers) Shields - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ So many memories of Price. I can't remember ever going in Goodner's that he wasn't there - he never failed to make me laugh. Alicia Smith Reece & I were just discussing him the other day, as she had worked with him. He was a great man. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sara Thornburg Kelly - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Sheila, all I can tell you is that we are praying for you. It is so hard, I know, to lose your dad. Uncle Price never held any place in my heart but that of my favorite uncle. He was wonderful, but you already know that. May God comfort your heart. I don't know that the pain ever ends, but it does soften with time. You are in our prayers daily. Uncle Price lived up to his motto: Semper Fidelis! My heart aches already. The Akers family can never be the same again. He was one of the finest men in generations.

Charles Akers, Jr. - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Oh, Sheila, I am so sad and sorry to hear about your daddy. He was such a good man and neighbor..There will be lots of Geneva neighbors getting together to welcome him to heaven. I know you will miss him, but thank God we'll see him again. I'll be praying for you and your family.

Janet Sinclair Janousek - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Price was such a sweet man. Always a friendly greeting for everyone in the

grocery store. I loved to go by his house to see his creative trimming of his

shrubs. My thoughts & prayers are with you, Sheila.

Jody Holden - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Price was just a wonderful man. So good to help out whenever needed and he always had a smile and was so friendly. He will be greatly missed.

Jim and Rhonda - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Uncle Price was a great uncle. I will always remember him as a stabilizer in our family--always calm and reassuring no matter how difficult the circumstance at the time. Uncle Price will be greatly missed.

KAREN S CLYMER - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM