



## Willie Powers

September 9, 1921 - March 19, 2013

Willie Leon Powers of Lindsay, Oklahoma passed from this life March 19, 2013. He was born on September 9, 1921 in Wanette, Oklahoma. His parents were Willie Archie (Bill) Powers and Winnie Gertrude Newton Powers of Wanette. Leon was the oldest of nine children. His surviving siblings were: Deeiva Powers Purdy, Doris Darlene Powers Gillard, Patricia Ann Powers Hudson, Donnie Archie Powers, Gaila Sue Powers Spencer.

Willie Leon Powers was raised and educated in the Wanette School system. He graduated in 1939. Leon spent two winter months in Colorado in the Civilian Corps CCC Camp. He worked in Ft. Worth, TX for William Dickies Mfg. Co.

When World War II occurred he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. After completing Boot Camp in San Diego, California, he was in the South Pacific for almost two years. Leon was discharged in 1945 after being released from the Bethesda Navy Hospital with malaria and dingo fever.

Leon met and married Juanita Shoemake April 7, 1945. Juanita was the daughter of Hix and Clara Shoemake of Lindsay. His occupation was with Rock Island Railroad and Kerr Dept. Store in Oklahoma City.

He was an elder in the Church of Christ in Lindsay and Maysville. He served

in the postal department in Lindsay for 19 years. He was an agent for the Oklahoma Farmers Insurance Company. Leon lived in Lindsay rural area and was a farmer and rancher. He loved his God, his family and country.

Mr. Powers is survived by his wife, Juanita, one daughter, Linda Baker and her husband Elzie Baker of Bartlesville, OK, his son, Danny Powers and his wife Sandra Powers of Lindsay, grandchildren: Alyssa Foreman, Bartlesville, OK, Garey Reyes of Bartlesville, OK, Brett Powers of Edmond, OK, Kyle Powers of Lindsay and great-grandchildren: Emma and Reid Griffin, Gabe Reyes, Eric Stoops, Liam Powers and Bryson Powers.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, sister, Oweeda Jean Powers and two brothers, Glyn Herbert Powers and Charles Roy Powers.

Funeral services for Mr. Powers are set for three o'clock p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2013 at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. There will be a family visitation on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at B.G. Boydston Funeral Home, 308 S.W. 3rd St. in Lindsay, Oklahoma, from six o'clock p.m. to eight o'clock 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](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Dear Juanita, Linda, and Danny,  
  
Even though we didn't get to be around Leon very many times in his life, we always had great respect for him and you too, Juanita. We always wanted to get back for a visit after the one we made with Linda & Dean those many years ago when our daughter, Amy was about 5 months old. We never forgot the wonderful time we had that weekend with all of you. Brother Leon was a great influence in our lives as far as his being a faithful member of the Lord's church. Just wish we could have gotten around to visit more often. Hopefully we will meet again in heaven. God be with each of you during this your time of sorrow. May God and great memories (we remember the trips you would tell about with your Dad) bring you much comfort. Love you all, David and Louise

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**David & Louise Jennings** - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Never was there a greater man in my lifetime. Leon had a wonderful sense of humor but he took seious matters seious. He was a wonderful friend to my family.

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**Brenda Knapp Robbins** - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ When I was postmaster at Bradley, Leon carried the mail out of my office. We had many good talks about the world in general and our Lord. He was one of the best friends I ever had and was one of the best men I ever knew. May all who miss Leon be comforted. He was special.

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**Sonny Mitchusson** - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ A good friend to our family. Praying for all of you. Carla Simmons Calhoun & Darla Simmons King

Darla King - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Juanita and family, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Leon. I enjoyed visiting with him. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers for the days to come. Janet Janousek<br><br>(June shoemake Sinclair's daughter)

Janet janousek - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dearest Papa, <br><br>We will eternally miss you. We will hold you in our hearts until we meet again. You are the best man I've ever known. God Speed Papa.

Alyssa Louise Dobyys Foresman - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Leon was our mailman from as far back as I could remember, til the day he retired. he was a very nice man so I all ways spoke to him when ever I seen him out of the respect he deserved. The last time was last year when he was coming out of Wal-mart. He was from the greatest generation that ever lived, he served his country and then he served the public for many,many years. so long ole friend!!

Rodney Smith - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM