



## David John "Skip" Stephenson

August 7, 1935 - August 1, 2019

David John "Skip" Stephenson, 83, of Stigler, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2019 in Eastgate Village Healthcare Center in Muskogee. He was born August 7, 1935 in Buffalo, New York to John David and Gertrude (Keiser) Stephenson. Skip as he is affectionately known, grew up in Buffalo and Tucson. He joined the United States Army at the age of seventeen and served his country for three years.

Skip married Betsy Grenfell on August 21, 1955 and they made their home in Tucson until 1980 when they moved to Stigler. Skip worked as a machinist, he was a Cabinet Maker, and also was a Truck Driver for Rosewood Industry. He retired in 1995. He loved raising his cattle and he adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Skip is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 63 years, Betsy Stephenson of the home; his three sons, David Stephenson of Stigler, Tom Stephenson of Stigler, Tim Stephenson and Judy Rozzell of Sulphur, Oklahoma; his two daughters, Debora and husband, Artie Johnson of Stigler, Diane and husband, David Keenan of Tucson, Arizona; his two brothers, Chuck Stephenson and wife Ann, Bobby Stephenson and wife Blanca; his three sisters, Sharon and husband David Hughes, Mary Lou and husband David Sainez, and Sandy and husband, Jose Sanchez; all from Tucson, Arizona; a host of nieces, nephews & friends.

Skip is preceded in death by his parents, David & Gertrude Stephenson; two brothers, Don & Jack Stephenson; a grandson, Tommy "Bubba" Stephenson;

an uncle, Don Keiser.

Graveside Service will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday, August 8, 2019 at Whitefield Cemetery with Father Valentine officiating; Eulogist: Reverend Laveda Idleman. Pallbearers include Taylor Stephenson, David Keenan, Artie Johnson, Bronc Spicer, Jimmy Senisbaugh, David Stephenson, Brian Stephenson. Honorary Pallbearers include grandchildren & great grandchildren, Hailey Hubbard Crabtree, Seth Crabtree, Addison Spicer, Katlynn Spicer, Isela Crabtree, Marlana Crase, Cord, Cole and Cale Crase and Amaurie Peters.

Burial will follow immediately under the direction of King & Shearwood Memorial Chapel

V.F.W. Post #4446 ~ Honor Guard

# Cemetery Details

**WHITEFIELD CEMETERY**

## Previous Events

### Viewing

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.E. SHEARWOOD MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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### GRAVESIDE

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David, just heard about your dad. We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers* ”

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