



Ernie Renfrow

July 19, 1948 - July 6, 2017

Ernie Renfrow, 68, of Stigler passed away Thursday , July 6, 2017 at his home. He was born July 19, 1948 at Stigler to Euel and Fannie (Muller) Renfrow. He grew up at Stigler and graduated from Stigler High School in 1966, along with 74 classmates who have stayed close and connected all these years. During his time at Stigler High School he excelled at Football, Basketball and Track. One of his many awards was that he was reconized as an Allstate Football Player. He went on to run Track at Oklahoma State University where he graduated with a degree in Agriculture Economics. Ernie married Emily Cox on December 30, 1971 at Catoosa OK. They made their home in Stigler and raised their family here.

Ernie was a member of First Baptist Church in Stigler where he was a Deacon since 1985. He also enjoyed serving as a Gideon and serving on many committees throughout his time there. He spent 32 years of service with the U.S. Army Reserves as a 1st Sargent.

Above all, one of Ernie's greatest accomplishments was being a grandpa. He loved being a part of all his grandkids activities. He helped mold them into the kids they are today even if that required a thump on the head every now and then. He loved loading all the grandkids up in his pickup truck to go feed cows, go to the Post Office or for a surprise haircut. Going on road trips and stopping frequently to snack became one of their favorite ways to make memories. As a grandpa, it wasn't about the destination, it was all about the journey to get there. Some people best knew him from his love for the color

blue, eating the corners of every dessert, crispy cookies and lots of laughter. Ernie is survived by his wife, Emily Renfrow of the home; his two sons & daughter-in-law, Eric and Rebecca Renfrow of Lindale , Texas, Erin Renfrow of Bixby, Oklahoma; his daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Kay and Jeremy Thompson of Stigler; nine grandkids, Wyatt, Emma, Cord, Will, Clay Thompson, Kirstin, Anthony, Gavin, and Gage Renfrow; his brother and sister-in-law, George and Jerry Sue Renfrow of Broken Arrow; his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Forrest Switzer of Payson, AZ

Ernie is preceded in death by his parents, Euel and Fannie Renfrow.

Funeral Services will be held 1:00 P.M. Monday, July 10, 2017 at Stigler First Baptist Church with Daniel Milligan officiating. Eulogist: Jeff Dover. Pallbearers will be his children and grandchildren; Honorary Pallbearers will be the First Baptist Church Deacons.

After the service there'll be a 30 minute window for a time of fellowship and refreshments and then go to the cemetery.

Burial will follow immediately to Garland Cemetery under the direction of King & Shearwood Funeral Home of Stigler.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 8. 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

R.E. SHEARWOOD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
808 EAST MAIN
STIGLER, OK
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kingwood4@sbcglobal.net
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Viewing

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

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SERVICE

JUL 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STIGLER
209 N. BROADWAY ST.
STIGLER, OK 74462
(918) 967-4607

Tribute Wall

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“ *When Erie and Emily lived in Tahlequah they were our neighbors. Our kids played together from daylight to dark when they weren't in school. Of course, Ernie and I played with them on weekends. Great all day games. Dear friends and he was a great friend and good father. Know he was a great grand pa too. The world is a lesser place today without him. RIP. David Morrison*

David Morrison - July 09, 2017 at 08:49 PM

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“ *I will always cherish the memory of Ernie and how he loved sports. We played a lot football together and we all considered ourselves as brothers. The class of 1966 was and always will be family, and we lost one of our dearest family members. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". Ernie is with Jesus now and if Jesus wanted to build a football team He picked an ideal split end. Charles Wibben*

Charles Wibben - July 07, 2017 at 07:57 PM