



## Leslie Earl Fleming

February 23, 1932 - August 15, 2021

Funeral services for Earl Fleming will be Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 1:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Katie Hill officiating. Interment will be in the Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Leslie Earl Fleming, son of the late James Hugh Fleming and Lillie Ellen Bowker, was born February 23, 1932, at Buffalo, Oklahoma, and passed away August 13, 2021, in Alva at the age of 89 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Earl graduated high school in Rosston, Oklahoma, and attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University. On February 19, 1953, he was united in marriage to Betty Jo Ann Prophet at Buffalo when he was home on furlough from the Army. To their union 2 children were born, James Earl Fleming and Jo Ellen Fleming. He was in the US Army during the Korean War from August 1952 to August 1954. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

He went to Oklahoma Barber College in Oklahoma City and was a barber for 43 years. His last hair cut was given to his son, James.

Earl is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Order of Eastern Star. He was the Worshipful Master 2 times for the Alva Masonic Lodge #105 and held all the other offices in the lodge. He held the offices of Chaplain, Worthy

Patron, Associate Patron, Marshall, Treasurer and Warder in the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a blessing to all in the lodge; ever willing to help with kind words, service to others and a Christian example to all. He was Chaplain in both associations. Brother Earl has been a mentor, teacher and leader. He exemplified that the heart is where a man is made a mason. His upright walk with his family, friends, countrymen and brother Masons will be missed in the lodge, community and nation.

Earl enjoyed being with his family and friends. He enjoyed planning and being prepared. Camping at the lake provided many such opportunities and he always did whatever he personally could to make those trips as easy and stress free as possible. Be it a 5th wheel needing to be set up at a camp site, or a home at the lake, he made sure the place where his family slept, the boat and lake toys they would use were always clean, repaired and ready to be enjoyed. He spent countless hours driving the boat. It may have been to cruise the lake, trolling for fish or if kids were around, just a lot of quick starts and stops so kids could learn how to ski. He piloted the boat as one kid after another learned to ski, first with two skis, then with only one. And, almost always just when he thought his driving was over for the day, someone would ask, "Grandpa, did you bring the trick skis?" He'd smile, flip up the seat and toss the trick skis in the water. He would laugh as one kid after another tried a 360. Despite the abuse heaped on his boat by grandkids, he always kept the boat in perfect working condition. But when kids are involved, sometimes there's just no saving the upholstery. He was not deterred. One year, he and his wife Betty took out the seats, repaired the framework, and re-upholstered that boat and it was absolutely ready for the next boating season.

Earl was preceded in death by his loving wife Betty, his parents, son, James Earl, brother-in-law, Frank "Shorty" Barton, and grandson, Tom Kemp.

He is survived by his daughter Jo Ellen Fleming and Jules Fleming of Alva;

two brothers, Calvin and wife, Wilma, and Joe and wife, Anita, and his sister, Mary Ellen Barton, all of Wichita.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Ashley Kemp, Aaron Fleming and wife, Abby, Mike Carter and wife, Sherece, Mark Carter and wife, Melis, Jessica Fleming, Justin McOsker and wife, Daniele, and Jennifer Schafer and husband, Craig; great grandchildren, Alex Kemp-Williams, Megan Kemp-Williams, Tommy Kemp, Hudson McOsker, Hayden McOsker, Shelby Schafer, Clayse Schafer, Bane Schafer, Chauncey Schafer, Adley Schafer, Collin Condit, KJ Carter and Luke Carter.

Earl was actively involved with his family every chance he could up to the day of his passing. Each and every one of his family members were enriched by having him in their lives and he will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Alva Masonic Lodge #105.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 18.** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

## Viewing

**AUG 19.** 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

## Viewing

AUG **20**. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

## Viewing

AUG **21**. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva  
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804  
Alva, OK 73717  
(580) 327-2311  
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG **21**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
626 College Avenue  
Alva, OK 73717

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie Earl Fleming*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



**Marshall Funeral Homes** - August 21, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Service*



**Marshall Funeral Homes** - August 21, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Our thoughts and Prayers are with all of you during this time of loss. Ray and I have such fond memories of Aunt Betty and Uncle Earl and I know they will be missed so much by all of us. May God wrap his arms around you as you lay him gently to rest. I know Aunt Betty and Jimmy have welcomed him home with open arms and are having a rejoicing time in Heaven tonight. We send our Love to all.*  
*Ray and Donna Riley*  
*Stillwater, Oklahoma*

**Donna Riley** - August 20, 2021 at 01:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie Earl Fleming.



August 19, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ Jo Ellen and family, as a kid growing up in the same neighborhood with you, James and your parents, I remember your folks quite well. They were two of the nicest folks I ever met. And your dad cut my hair for the first time. I imagine he did that for hundreds of kids but it seemed pretty special to me. I imagine he is having quite a reunion today with your mom and James. God Bless you and your family.

*Rick Cunningham*

Rick Cunningham - August 19, 2021 at 11:14 AM



Thank you, he enjoyed his job for sure. They are having a wonderful reunion.

Jo Ellen Fleming - August 19, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ A small man in stature, but his quiet, kind gestures were that of a Giant. He spoke so quietly and gently, and still get his point across. So sorry for the loss of your parents, Jo!



*Sending comfort and peace at this saddest of times and hope you know you can lean on me anytime you need to.*

JANITA HOFEN - August 18, 2021 at 03:20 PM

JF

*Thank you.*

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**Jo Ellen Fleming** - August 19, 2021 at 08:04 AM

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“ *JoEllen...Always enjoyed seeing Earl when back in Alva and as a high-schooler waited hours for him to cut my hair as he was that special....his smile was ever-present and always positive when we talked. Please accept my sincere condolences....Paul Woodson: OKC*

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**Paul Woodson** - August 17, 2021 at 07:49 PM

JF

*Thank you Paul. We never could get him to go to appointments- he just wanted anyone that wanted a haircut to get one. He would stay until he got everyone finished.*

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**Jo Ellen Fleming** - August 17, 2021 at 08:34 PM

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“ *I will truly miss selling his morning newspaper to him at the market every Sunday morning. Our condolences to the family.*

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**Verla Vogts** - August 17, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Fleming family. His genuine smile will be missed by all. Earthly loss is Heavens gain!*

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**DaleVaughna Schmidt** - August 17, 2021 at 09:48 AM