



Merle Dean Clemence

May 17, 1933 - August 22, 2018

Merle Dean Clemence, son of the late Paul Edward and Hazel Floy (Woolley) Clemence, was born May 17, 1933, in Waynoka, Oklahoma, and passed away August 22, 2018, in Enid, Oklahoma, at the age of 85 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

Merle graduated from Waynoka High School with the Class of 1951 and attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University. On June 7, 1952, he was united in marriage to Dixie Dollie Beagley in Waynoka, where they lived their entire lives.

Merle worked as a Fireman on the Santa Fe Railroad. He then opened and ran Merle's Champlain Service Station for many years. There was usually a game of horseshoes behind the station or checkers in the station. He eventually closed the station and went to work for the Waynoka Co-op until he retired. Even after retirement, he helped care for the cattle and land of his nephew, Tom Ward.

Merle was an outstanding singer, and sang often at church, and for many weddings and funerals. He was a member of the Waynoka Coon Hunter's Association and the Sick, Lame, and Lazy Coffee Club.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie; and one

sister, Karen Ferguson.

Merle is survived by one son, Mark Clemence and wife, Debbie, of Woodward; one daughter, Merla Sims of Waynoka; six grandchildren, along with two others they helped raise and considered to be grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Waynoka EMTs.

Tribute Wall



“ *Merle Dean Clemence*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *What a gracious, talented and loving friend. I was in the Class of '51. What a gift to be friends for many years. I have a photo tree here on my desk with classmates in it, and there is Merle with his "red" suspenders!! What a joy he was and sweet Dixie. May God bless his family during this most difficult time. With much love,
Hannah "Funk" Maxwell*

Hannah "Funk" Maxwell - September 03, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *Heaven has a very special couple there now with Merle and Dixie . I'm sure he is singing and helping others . Thoughts and prayers to all the family .*

Mike Whipple - August 26, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *My heart is breaking for you Merla. Your Dad sang at Duane & I 's wedding. What a beautiful voice God has in heaven. Thoughts & prayers. Patsy & Duane Bouse*

Patsy Bouse - August 26, 2018 at 10:38 AM

LL

“ *Merle was a true man of God. Never saw him without a smile. If you were lucky to hear him sing. You knew it was one of God beautiful angels. Dixie and Merle are in heaven watching over everyone the have ever knew. Glad I got to spend time with family.*



Lisa Lopshire - August 26, 2018 at 04:53 AM

CS

“ *I always enjoyed Merle and Dixie. Both were always so loving and considerate to everyone. So sorry for your loss*

charla smith - August 25, 2018 at 06:05 PM

SO

“ *Such sad news that Merle has passed from his earthly life. He was a wonderful talented classmate of my sister and brother-in-law, and known and loved by many. Words fail to describe his impact in life, and how much he will be missed by his family and friends. May God bless and comfort them. Sending my love and sympathy.*

Sandie Olson - August 25, 2018 at 05:44 PM

SO

“ *Such a great loss to Merle's family and friends, and the community. Precious memories flood my soul, as the song says! He was my sister's classmate, and a friend to all. Sending love and sympathy to his family and his many friends.*

Sandie Olson - August 25, 2018 at 01:32 PM

PB

“ *Merle and Dixie were both so special to me. They will forever live in my Heart. Bless all their Family with Peace and Comfort.*

patsy bixler - August 24, 2018 at 11:01 PM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I only met Merle a few times but I could tell he was a very nice man. He and Dixie made me feel welcome when I was at their house. Prayers for your family. I know it was hard to lose them so close together.*

Lawanda Crain - August 24, 2018 at 10:15 PM

DW

“ *He has joined Dixie in God's Heavens & will rejoice forever....sending sympathy, prayers & love to the families of both.*



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - August 23, 2018 at 08:51 PM

SA

Thank you for your kind thoughts for our family there is a correction on the service. There will not be a service.

Shontu'e Anson - August 23, 2018 at 08:00 PM

AR

A beautiful voice silenced.

Annette Ralson - August 25, 2018 at 11:00 AM