



Raymond Lee Thompson

September 25, 1948 - January 18, 2020

Raymond Lee Thompson, a decorated Vietnam War Veteran, was born on September 25, 1948 in Talihina, Oklahoma to Ramsey Thompson Sr. and Mary Ann Baker-Thompson. He died on January 18, 2020 In Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 71. Raymond is survived by his wife, Maxine; two daughters, Raylene Echohawk, and Shawneen Rae Little Axe-Thompson; five sisters, Iola Beaver, Eulema Thompson-Holman, Evylena Thompson, Yvonne Thompson-Arriola, and Carolyn Harris, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ramsey and Mary Ann; one sister, Geneva Morgan, and eight brothers, Folsom Perry, Eulius Perry, Darrell Thompson, Walter Ray Wright, Pat Thompson Sr, Jonas B. Thompson Jr, Ramsey Lee Thompson Jr., and Jimmy Willis.

Raymond spent most of his childhood in Talihina, where he was raised by Sallie and Jonas Thompson. He enjoyed playing sports, writing and playing music on his guitar, and aggravating his siblings. Raymond attended Sequoyah Indian School for a short time, then returned home to Talihina to finish out his high school career. Raymond was a running back for the Talihina Golden Tigers and helped lead his team to the state championship win in 1966. He graduated high school in 1967. Raymond enlisted in the United States Navy on July 26, 1968. He served two tours in Vietnam. His first tour was in Cam Ranh Bay where he spent 11 months. He second tour was in Ben Thuy where he was for 9 months. He was honorably discharged on October 7, 1971. He received 5 awards during his time of service: National Defense

Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon. After returning home from war, Raymond attended Southwest Technical College for Industrial Machinist training. He worked in this field until his retirement in 2015 from Western Industries. Raymond would spend his free time traveling back home to watch the Talihina Golden Tigers play football or basketball. He also was an avid OU fan and spent countless Saturdays watching the Sooners play. After retiring Raymond enjoyed returning home to watch his nieces, Cheyenne and Aiana, play sports.

Pallbearers will be Floyd Davis, Sherman Ward, Brock Rutledge, Reggie Primeaux, John Melton Jr., and Jesse James.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at McCarn Funeral Home in Talihina, Oklahoma from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Services will be at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Talihina, Oklahoma with Bro. David Warden and Elly McHenry officiating. Interment will follow at the Choctaw Veteran's Cemetery in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Service of Talihina, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Raymond was my classmate and friend for several years at Talihina. I will always remember his smile and laughter. He as a good athlete and a good person. He was always “joking” and making everyone smile. Everybody loved Raymond. Though I haven’t seen him in so many years, I was sad to hear of his illness and passing. It was my honor to attend his service today. I pray for the family as you grieve Raymond’s passing. I can imagine what a wonderful life you have enjoyed with such a friendly and kind person like Raymond. God bless you all.

Marilyn Hoskins Dresser - January 22, 2020 at 06:17 PM

CH

Thanks for your kind words. We love and miss him dearly.

Crystal Holman - February 16, 2020 at 01:38 PM

SM

“ Raymond was a special friend and we shared many happy times talking about the “good ‘ol days” back in Talihina. I watched him play football and go on to become a success in just about anything he tried. His smile and little chuckle bring back good memories. He was especially close to his cousin, Donald “Joe Don” Thompson. Donald and I visited Raymond in OKC and always had to meet in Talihina for Homecoming and football games. He loved life and his family.

Sandra Mantooth - January 20, 2020 at 08:43 PM

JW

I had the pleasure of working with Ray at Western Industries. I always enjoyed working with Ray. He was our die maker and also my special projects guy. If you explained what you were trying to do he would make a tool or fixture to get it down. I was very sorry to hear of his passing. If we had known in time I would have attended the funeral. Ray was one of a kind and will be missed. Joe Weaver

Joe Weaver - January 23, 2020 at 05:27 PM

CH

Thank you so much for your great words. My Uncle was certainly one of a kind. It took many conversations to get him to retire as he loved his job there.

Crystal Holman - February 16, 2020 at 01:44 PM