



Bobby Wayne Ficklin

March 19, 1933 - November 10, 2023

Bobby Wayne (Grumpy) Ficklin, passed away peacefully November 10, 2023 at age 90 after a very long bout with dementia.

Grumpy was born on March 19, 1933 to Ola Clyde and Sylvia Ficklin (O'Dell) in Elmore City, OK. He was proud to explain: "I grew up on The Place, four miles north of Elmore City, as an Old Country Boy".

Bobby served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter crew chief from 1954 to 1961 and then in the US Air Force Reserves from 1978 to 1993. He spent much of his career in Civil Service working on and testing jet engines at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, OK.

Grumpy was married to Sara Pauline (Nelms) Ficklin, the love of his life, until her passing on February 23, 2000. Bobby had one brother, Woody, and three sisters, Marie, Sue and Linda.

Bobby and Pauline were very proud of their family. They had three sons, Ricky, Jimmy and Donny. Grumpy is preceded in death by his sons Donny (March 31, 1993) and Jimmy (October 23, 2023) and his siblings. He is survived by his son Ricky / wife Barbara, four grandkids, (Casey, Jamie, Aubrey and Kelley) and ten great grandchildren (Riley, Reece and Rowan; Cali, Taylor and Ella; Hanna and Luka; and Michael and Phoebe), and Jimmy's wife Cindy.

Grumpy was a nickname given to him by his grandkids as a joke. He cherished that name and always introduced himself as "Grumpy" with a big smile on his face. He was anything but grumpy!!! He loved shopping at thrift

stores and bought tons of “trinkets” that he gave to everyone he met. He was a very happy and generous man loved by so many.

He will be loved and missed by his entire family and friends.

Bobby has been joyfully reunited with the love of his life, Pauline, and his two boys. We know they are hugging and smiling down on us.

We love you and we miss you Grumpy and hope to always make you “proud”!

Service will be held at the Wooster Funeral Home in Pauls Valley, OK on November 14, 2023 at 1:30 PM immediately followed by graveside service with military honors at the Pauls Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Oklahoma Alzheimer’s Association at 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or on their website.

Services will be livestreamed on the Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Service Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Pauls Valley, OK 73075

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, Ok

Tribute Wall

GR

“ Smsgt Ficklin was a true mentor and wonderful friend to me during my time at Tinker in the Air Force. His kind, gentle and encouraging leadership was something I mirrored in my own career. We all were truly blessed to have him as our leader. He will be missed! Much love to his family since we know what a sizable hole there is now.
Georgie Romeo

Georgie Romeo - November 16, 2023 at 04:50 AM

DO

“ Rick and family, in our short memory of Grumpy we thought of him as such as kind and gentle man, who was loved by so many! We are grateful for his life and know your memories of Grumpy will be of comfort to you! God bless all of you! Penny and Ole doug

Doug - November 12, 2023 at 07:50 PM

VJ

“ It has been a total pleasure being a caregiver for “Sugar” as I called him. I always looked forward to seeing his face light up when I arrived on Wednesday. He never forgot how to play poker and he always brought me so much joy and laughter!! The trip was 60 miles one way but worth every mile. The family is outstanding and so loving and Rick and Jim were both so caring with their dad. Their wives were also so supportive. Bobby was truly loved and I know I will miss
not only Bobby “Sugar” but all of them. You all have made such an impact on me. You are all are amazing!!! Valerie Jones

Valerie Jones - November 11, 2023 at 09:11 PM

ME

“ Rick and Barb — Tim and I are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.

Marie Everitt - November 11, 2023 at 08:01 PM

AG

“ Grumps we miss and love you so much💜 I will always cherish the memories we had. Thank you for always making us smile. Thank you for blessing us and I know you will always be watching down on us saying “hey shug”! I will continue to tell Hanna and Luka stories! I am happy Hanna was able to meet you when she was little. 💜 Fly high my angel. We love you so much and will miss you.



Aubrey Grimaldos - November 11, 2023 at 05:36 PM

RW

“ Rick, Barbra and entire family I am so sorry for your loss. Such a wonderful man. He will be missed by so many! You all are in my prayers for comfort.

Renee' Welty - November 10, 2023 at 01:31 PM

RF

Thank You!

Rick Ficklin - November 10, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JJ

We were neighbors at one time. Such a kind man. Prayers for his family.

Judy Jay - November 10, 2023 at 05:33 PM

DM

He, his smile, and "Hi shug !" will be missed.

Darlene Martin - November 11, 2023 at 04:59 PM

DP

Im so sorry for your loss. Two loved ones lost within a dew weeks. Stay strong. Prayers for your comfort and peace 🙏❤️

Diane Perkins - November 11, 2023 at 07:37 PM