



Joe Gifford

May 24, 1926 - May 19, 2008

JOE LANE GIFFORD, SR.

Joe Lane Gifford, Sr. was born on May 24, 1926 in Stigler, Oklahoma to Joseph Thompson & Dawie Ophelia (Lane) Gifford and entered eternal life on Monday, May 19, 2008 in Ada, Oklahoma. Joe graduated from Ada High School and attended Missouri University and East Central University. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force in World War II from February, 1944 to November, 1945. On March 20, 1949, Joe married Anna Lee Roberts. He worked with his father Joseph in establishing Gifford Monument Company in Ada in 1936, expanding the business across southeastern Oklahoma until the subsequent sale of the business in 2007. He was a member and a deacon of the 1st Christian Church of Ada. He also was a member of the Jaycee's, the American Red Cross Board, the Ada Chamber of Commerce Board, the Ada City Council where he served as Mayor, the American Institute of Commemorative Art (AICA), and the Monument Builders of North America (MBNA). Joe founded Swan Hill cemetery with his son, Lane Gifford in 1985.

Mr. Gifford is survived by:

Wife – Anna Lee Gifford of the home

1 Daughter-in-Law – Debi Gifford of Ada, Oklahoma

2 Granddaughters – Brittany Beth Venk and her husband, Ryan of Norman,
Oklahoma

Amy Elane Gifford of Norman, Oklahoma

Mr. Gifford is preceded in death by one son, Lane Gifford in 2005.

Funeral services for Joe Lane Gifford, Sr. are scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the 1st Christian Church in Ada with Vicki Crooks officiating. Interment will be in Rosedale Cemetery in Ada, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Visitation

MAY 21. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Service

MAY 21. 4:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
101 E. 13th
Ada, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Gifford*

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“ *The Lord be with you all in this time of your loss.##imported-begin##Myridith Stewart##imported-end##*

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“ *I am very sorry to hear this about Joe, but I guess we knew this day was coming. While I never knew Joe that well, I know how much Lane looked up to him and how much he thought about his parents.*

I wish only the best for all of the Gifford family. My thoughts are with you. May God bless you with his comfort and his blessing.

Perry Giles

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“ Joe will be rembered for his leadership in his family, church, community and his industry The monument has lost another great member and leader Lane, now Joe will missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family.

Dave Pace

Brookhaven Monument Co.

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President elect of MBNA##imported-begin##Dave and LilAnn Pace##imported-end##

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“ We extend our deepest sympathies.

Ann, Debi, Brittany, and Amy, our prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Kris and Dawn Morrison##imported-end##

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