



## Milburn "Mib" Downey

May 28, 1925 - November 17, 2006

Armous Milburn "Mib" Downey of Ratliff City, Oklahoma was born to James Audie and Betty

(Williams) Downey on May 28, 1925 in the old Robberson community southwest of Pernell, OK.

and went to be with his Lord on November 17, 2006 at the age of 81 years.

He was the second son

born to his parents. Milburn attended school in Pernell where he was a bus driver for a time.

Milburn married Mildred McKee on August 17, 1943 in Ada, OK

He was gifted with numerous talents and was very mechanically inclined. In his early twenties he took a correspondence course in electronics and built a working television set. He applied for a job with American Airlines at the Ardmore Park and was hired to work in the avionics department navigation equipment section. Milburn remained with the company when it relocated in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and was promoted to supervisor of the department. When the company moved to Hayward, California he relocated and traveled on the aircrafts in flight as a trouble shooter. Later he was employed with Cessna Aircraft and established their avionics department. In his final years with the company he was over the Cessna avionics department in Sacramento, California.

Milburn obtained avionics and pilot's license and had opportunities to fly the jets. He enjoyed flying and owned several small planes. His hobby of gold mining resulted in ownership of some claims in the lower Sierras on Steep Hollow Creek. He and his partner enjoyed building a road down the steep mountain to the mine. Milburn had great fun in the air boat he built, especially taking it down the American River.

Milburn was a member and deacon of Midway Baptist Church of Pernell. He was a faithful member of the Elmore City Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Downey is survived by:

His wife: Mildred of the home.

1 daughter and her husband: Barbara and Bobby Gothard

2 grandchildren: Robert Brian Gothard and Billy Joe Gothard and his wife Sherri Lynn Gothard

3 great-grandchildren: Zachary Joe Gothard, Billie Lynn Gothard and Aylissa Smith

4 brothers: Alton Downey, Erman Downey, Herman Downey and Windle Downey

Mr. Downey was preceded in death by:

His parents, James and Betty Downey; brother, Dal Wayne Downey and a sister, Oneta Faye Downey Hart.

Funeral services for Mr. Downey are scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Midway Baptist Church of Pernell with Pastor Herschel Morgan officiating. Interment will be in the Foster Cemetery under with direction of Wooster Funeral Home of Elmore City, OK. You may send condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhome.com)

Bobby, Bill and Zachary Gothard, E.J. Tucker, Lee Hart, and Gary Ramsey will

serve as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers serving will be members of the Elmore City Masonic Lodge.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)  
105 S. Main  
Elmore City, OK

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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105 S. Main  
Elmore City, OK

## Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Midway Baptist Church  
8 Miles South on Hwy 76, church on West side  
Pernell, Ok

# Tribute Wall



“ *Milburn "Mib" Downey*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Vera Henson lit a candle in memory of Milburn "Mib" Downey*



**Vera Henson** - February 02, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ *Vera Henson lit a candle in memory of Milburn "Mib" Downey*



**Vera henson** - December 01, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *Lynette*  
*Just remember your friends when your in need of strength or comfort! That's what we're all here for!*

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November 20, 2006 at 05:35 AM



“ Barbara and Mildred,

*I just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you two took such good care of Mib. He could not have had better people in his life. I believe Mib lived a good, long life due to having you as his daughter and wife.*

*I am sorry that you had to lose him, but I know the memories will be wonderful*

*I love you,*

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November 18, 2006 at 11:46 AM