



Earnest Young

July 2, 1945 - December 25, 2023

Earnest Mack Young was born on July 2, 1945 and passed away December 25, 2023 at the age of 78. He was born and raised in Wetumka, Oklahoma by Gladys Evelyn and Edgar Young with eight siblings. He graduated from Wetumka High School in 1964. During high school, Earnest was the Drum Major and led the band during every game. After high school, he attended Central State University – now University of Central Oklahoma – where he met the love of his life, Sue Morgans, and earned a degree in Education. After graduating, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware where he and Sue married on October 25, 1968. Earnest faithfully served his country including serving in Viet Nam where he experienced the tragedy of war that impacted him for many years. When Earnest returned to the United States, he and Sue settled in Owasso, Oklahoma to raise their family near her parents' dairy farm.

Earnest began his professional career as a history teacher at Claremore High School in Claremore, Oklahoma before moving on to utilize the transportation specialist skills he learned in the military. Most of his professional career was spent in purchasing and transportation, but he also worked as a travel agent for American Airlines Vacations before retiring.

Throughout his life, Earnest faithfully served the Lord. He was a minister for a few different churches as part of the Assembly of God church organization

and later moved to non-denominational churches. He and Sue also served as missionaries in Moscow Russia and Minsk Belarus.

In 2014, Earnest conquered cancer and then suffered a fall that caused him to become paraplegic. Through incredibly hard work and determination, he eventually regained the use of his legs and the ability to walk.

As a young child, Earnest fell in love with music. He would sneak into the local church through the window and teach himself to play the piano and other instruments. He could play almost any instrument he picked up and any song he heard without sheet music. Earnest had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing at church. He was part of a gospel quartet that traveled around to different churches singing. He loved watching parades and regularly indulged in ice cream sundaes after dinner - often convincing his grandchildren to join him. Earnest also loved to shop – even if he didn't buy anything. He particularly enjoyed his weekly “shopping day” trips with his granddaughters. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, with Christmas Eve being an especially important day to him. Earnest was able to enjoy a final Christmas Eve surrounded in love with his family.

Earnest is survived by his wife Sue, son Jason and his wife Shannon, daughter Lori Shaw and her husband David; grandchildren JJ Young and his partner Nikki Mongold, Keaton Phillips and his fiancé Leilani Ramento, Emily Jackson and her wife Jesslyn, Mackenzie Shaw, and Macy Shaw; great grandchildren Colton Burrell, Colter Young, Graham Jackson, and Kaila Ramento; one brother, Larry Baldwin, four sisters Janet Maldia, Janey Crelia, June Stufflebeam, and Dreama Burns; sister-in-law Rosemary Young; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Edgar Earn Young and Gladys Evelyn Young; in-laws Billy and Elizabeth Morgans; brothers Howard Baldwin and Othel Young; sister Maedean Byrd; brothers-in-law Ernesto Maldia, Bob

Crelia, Les Stufflebeam, Tim Burns, and James Byrd; and sisters-in-law Wanda Baldwin and Robbie Baldwin.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 28, 2023, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 29, 2023, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Jolie Blankenship officiating. Committal service and interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Earnest's memory to the Owasso VFW Post #7180, P.O. Box 1482, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055, or to Clarehouse, 7617 South Mingo Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74133, or www.clarehouse.org . Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel
9110 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Owasso, OK 74055

Memorial Fund

DEC 29 (CT)

Clarehouse
7617 South Mingo Road
Tulsa, OK 74133

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Owasso VFW Post #7180
P.O. Box 1482
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ My brother Earnest is with Jesus..I still love this post, Earnest really was so loved by many. To many to list, Brother loved life and he would say "thank you" to so many. I will see him in heaven someday.

I love you my family and friends! Amen

Janet I. Maldia - May 20, 2024 at 09:26 PM

SW

“ Sincere condolences to the family. We grew up in the same small town and shared much the same experiences, both in the High School band and enlisted in the USAF. He was two years younger than I. Again, sorry to hear of his passing.

Scotty White - December 30, 2023 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ The Williams Internal Audit Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Earnest Young.



The Williams Internal Audit Family - December 28, 2023 at 02:16 PM

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“ The Williams Internal Audit Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest Young.

The Williams Internal Audit Family - December 28, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earnest Young.*



December 28, 2023 at 12:21 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earnest Young.*



December 27, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *Vicki and John, Sandy, PJ and Janey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest Young.*

Vicki and John, Sandy, PJ and Janey - December 27, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earnest Young.*



December 27, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Earnest Young.*



December 27, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earnest Young.*



December 27, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Sue and family. We were so sorry to hear about Earnest's passing. You were wonderful neighbors and always friends. Lot of memories. He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers*

Larry & Patty Masom - December 27, 2023 at 11:38 AM