



## Willard Leon Mills

April 18, 1933 - March 6, 2015

'Willard Leon Mills, longtime resident of Owasso, was born April 18, 1933, in Coffeyville, Kansas, to Herman and Ethelyn (Bradley) Mills. He died Friday, March 6, 2015, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 81 years. Willard was married May 4, 1956, in Altus, Oklahoma, to Dortha Morgan. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Army. He was also a veteran of the United States Air Force and the National Guard, serving with the 45th Infantry Division Thunderbirds. Willard completed his education attending Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he earned his Bachelors of Science degree in criminal justice. Willard and Dortha had made their home in Owasso since 1974. He spent most of his working life as a trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, retiring as a lieutenant. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes including traveling in his motor home with the Holiday Ramblers. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason and an active member of the Owasso Sertoma Club. Loving family members include: His wife of over 58 years; Dortha, of the home Son and daughter-in-law; Kirk and Janna Mills, of San Antonio, Texas Daughter and son-in-law; Kristy and Scott Skidmore, of Owasso Five grandchildren: Morgan Skidmore Kelsey Skidmore Turner Mills Trevor Mills Carson Skidmore Brother; Jim Mills and his wife Norman He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Gene Mills and Don Mills, and an infant daughter, Liza Renee Mills. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso with Chaplain Jack Green officiating. Committal services and interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso. Funeral honors and gun salute will be provided by members of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Clarehouse, 7617 South Mingo Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74133. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. [www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Tribute Wall

BN

“ *'Message We lost a very good friend. I will miss our weekly talks on the phone.\r\nI am going to miss him very dearly.'*

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**Bill & Alice Needham** - March 13, 2015 at 12:13 AM



“ *'Message'*

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March 12, 2015 at 11:53 PM

RA

“ *'Praying for the Holy Spirit to hold you and your family lovingly during your loss but praising the life and triumph of Willard now being with the Lord. I always enjoyed our visits when I came to service the oxygen machines. God Bless You All.'*

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**Rick Antle** - March 12, 2015 at 12:15 AM

DD

“ *'Dortha, both of us were blessed to have associated with the two of you at Holiday Ramblers events. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. '*

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**Dean & Donna Davis** - March 11, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JL

“*'My father graduated with Lt. Mills from the 19th OHP academy and so most of my life I have heard the stories of what they experienced, my junior year in High School I joined the OHP Explorer post and Lt. Mills was our boss, he made it very clear how important our job was whatever we were doing and whom we were representing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all this day. Lt. Mills will leave a huge void in so many lives, he was a good, good man and he will be missed. '*

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**Jim & Mark Lower** - March 11, 2015 at 01:06 PM

JO

“*'Sharing your loss and remembering wonderful memories of a really good man and his great positive example to us at Liberty so many years ago. My love to you, Dortha, and your family as you say a final good-bye and learn to live a new normal'*

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**Jeanette (Forest) Oxford** - March 10, 2015 at 11:09 PM

TK

“*'Lt. Mills..as I've always known him, was such a great early influence in the law enforcement careers of many of us. A few words of encouragement, or a little guidance went a long way through many years of challenges that the business brings. Thank you for everything Lt.'*

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**Tony Klahr** - March 10, 2015 at 05:05 PM

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“ *'My heart is sad that we have lost another member of our Guard Family. I think of all the missions and ATs in Pryor that CWO Frank Berry and I did with Willard. He would always tell everyone I was his Helicopter Pilot. Willard, thank you for all the funny stories that made us laugh so hard while playing poker in the evenings. You will be missed. With Deepest Respect, Your Helicopter Pilot'*

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**Vicki Jones, MAJ (RET)** - March 10, 2015 at 12:27 PM

ML

“ *'My sincerest condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. '*

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**Melanie Ledesma** - March 10, 2015 at 12:55 AM

JP

“ *'He was a leader and an inspiration as he unfailingly nurtured Oklahoma Holiday Ramblers. And he made us laugh. He will be so missed.'*

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**Jan Perry** - March 10, 2015 at 12:52 AM

SS

“ *'Dortha it saddens me so very much with the loss of Willard. I loved Willard and he was one of a kind. I had so many good times serving 15 years in the Army National Guard with Willard. It just breaks my heart to know that I will never get another chance to see Willard. My Love, Thoughts and Prayers will be with you.'*

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**Susie Stiles** - March 09, 2015 at 06:28 PM

JH

“ *'A wonderful friend he will be missed by all who knew him!'*

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**Joe M. Herron** - March 09, 2015 at 06:11 PM

RH

“ ‘Our prayers to got to his family! I served many years with Willard in the National Guard. He was a great Patriot, Public Servant, and friend. SGM R. Carroll Huggins, Retired.’

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**R. Carroll Huggins** - March 09, 2015 at 06:02 PM

KA

“ ‘Dortha, I am so sorry for your loss. I miss seeing you at the salon and often have thought of you and Willard. Prayers to you for comfort and peace. ’

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**Kim Adams** - March 09, 2015 at 04:57 PM

VP

“ ‘Our thoughts and PRAYERS are with you Dortha and family. He was a great friend and we were privileged to have known him. May he rest in peace.’

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**Van & Irene Perkins** - March 09, 2015 at 04:09 PM