



# Howard Ray Mefford

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Howard was born on 11/24/1933 to Ray Mefford and Delphia Mae Scism Mefford in Oktaha, Oklahoma.

He passed away peacefully in his home in Berryhill on 3/29/2021.

He was 87 years old.

Howard's family moved to Berryhill in 1944 where he resided until his death.

He graduated from Berryhill High School in 1951.

He was a US Army Veteran. He served in the Army from 1953 to 1955. He was stationed in Germany, working in Warehouse Supply, and was honorably discharged.

Howard married Delois Ruth Shelton on April 21, 1958. They were married 60 years before Dee passed away on June 7, 2018.

In 1963 he graduated 2nd in his class from the TU School of Law and was a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association 58 years

Howard joined the law firm of Frasier, Wilde, Richards, and Mefford from 1963 to 1969. In the early 1970's he was partnered in the law firm of Robert Wilde, Bob Pigman, Robert Miles, and Howard Mefford.

He was appointed a Tulsa County Special District Judgeship on Aug 21, 1992



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Howard served on the Berryhill Fire Board from 2009 to 2020 and was Chairman of the Board for several years.

Those who met him in Heaven in addition to his wife, Dee were his granddaughter, Holly Danielle Henry, and his son, Brian Keith Mefford and we know it was truly a joyous reunion. He was also preceded in

death by his parents, Ray and Delphia Mefford, his brother, Carl, his sister, Karen, and his nephew, Mike Mefford.

He is survived by his daughter, Carla Dee Mefford, his granddaughter, Haylee Ray Woolsey, and her husband, Garret, his precious great-granddaughter, Rozalin Queen Wadkins, his sister, Mae Rogers, his brother, Calvin Mefford, and many other members of the Mefford and Shelton families that loved him.

Howard became a Christian and joined the West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church on November 7, 1976. He became a board member and bus driver that picked up children to bring them to church on Sunday mornings. Later, he drove the church van and brought elderly members to church that could no longer drive. More recently, he helped by preparing snacks and serving them to the children during their Sunday Morning Church Service.

Howard will be missed greatly by his family and friends, but our hearts are happy that he is out of pain and able to see his Savior Jesus Christ and his loving family once again.



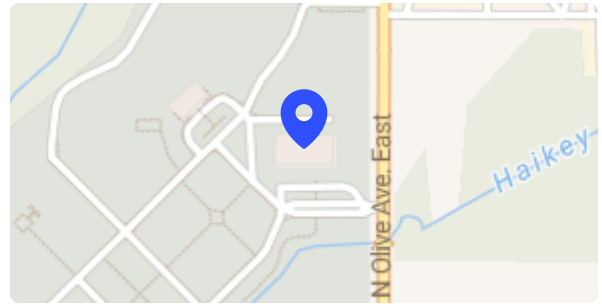
# Events

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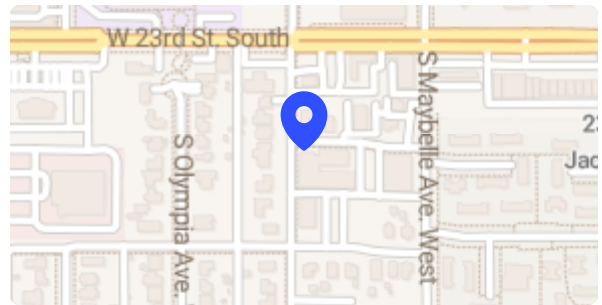
## Visitation

- Monday**, April 5, 2021
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
- Floral Haven Visitation Suites**  
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



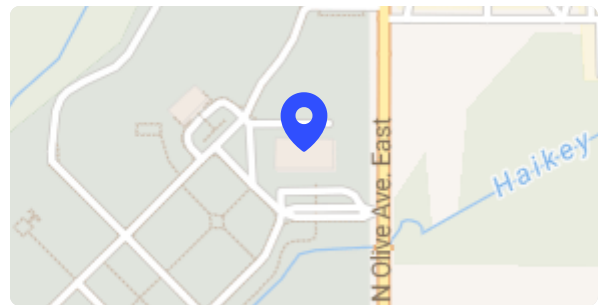
## Celebration of Life Funeral Ceremony

- Tuesday**, April 6, 2021
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church**  
930 West 23rd Place, Tulsa OK 74107



## Cemetery Details

- Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**  
6500 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow OK 74012





## Tribute Wall

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RW

**Ryan E. Whittaker** posted:

I was a nurse of Mr. Mefford at Senior Suites. I really enjoyed taking of him there. He had a great attitude and sense of humor.

August 1 at 7:36 AM

KB

**Karen Burgess** lit a candle in honor of Howard.

Oh how we will miss Howard! He was a neighbor and friend we cherished! The neighborhood will not be the same. Mom has lost one of her friends she would talk to daily and help out when needed. I have such fond memories growing up with Brian and Carla and staying the night and going to the farm. Dee and Howard were like mom and dad to me growing up. I know dad and Dee and Howard are talking it up in heaven. Rest in Peace our friend. Love, Norma Felkner Karen Burgess Brenda Hughes



April 8 at 9:53 AM

JR

**Joseph Rice** posted:

So sorry for the loss to his family, Howard was a wonderful neighbor and just a super guy. His wife was a fine woman as well, I know Howard really missed her. They can be together again now

April 5 at 12:33 PM

ZB

**Zeda Baker** posted:

I remember Judge Howard Mefford's wit. I was in small claims court a few times and he really got things done! Sometimes he was just hilarious but he got the suits settled, his way!!!! The very fair way. Zeda Baker

April 5 at 10:39 AM

DE

**Don Eagleton** posted:

I'm sorry for your loss. I can remember Mike talking about his uncle often. I'm sure he was at Heavens Gates to welcome his Uncle Home! What an awesome reunion I'm sure they are having. Don

April 4 at 1:19 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Mefford family.

April 4 at 11:22 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Mefford family.

April 2 at 5:57 PM



**Teresa Wilde Benson** posted:

My brother and sister and I remember Howard as a good man. He officed with our father. We buried our Mother at Floral Haven in November. Our sympathies to the family. ---Teresa Wilde Benson

April 1 at 5:07 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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