



## Lawrence "Larry" Eugene Rist

March 24, 1933 - September 16, 2015

Lawrence "Larry" Rist , 82 years old, passed from this life September 16, 2015, Claremore, Oklahoma. He was born March 24, 1933, to Otto and Esther (Cox) Rist in Dover, Oklahoma. Lawrence grew up in Covington, OK , until he moved to Stillwater, OK his senior year in high school. After high school he entered the U. S. Marine Corp serving three years. Then he attended Oklahoma A&M (later becoming Oklahoma State University). He completed several credit hours specializing in mathematics. At this time, he reenlisted in the Marine Corp where he served active duty in the Korean War. He served a total 9 ½ years in the Marine Corp. He met the love of his life, Shirley Sue Davis, during his time at Stillwater High School. They were married in 1954 at Sharp Chapel in Tulsa, OK. Together they had four children Rodney Keith, Rhonda Lynn, Roxanna, and Rita Lea. Lawrence retired from computer programming with Industrial Fabricating after 20 years of service. After Larry's retirement, he and Shirley Sue enjoyed traveling, their grandchildren, and their church family. He and Shirley were active members of Sheridan Avenue Christian Church where they raised their children in a Christian environment. Later in life they became active members of the First Christian Church in Owasso, OK. Larry enjoyed golf for many years where he became a scratch golfer (he was extremely proud of his hole-in-one), he enjoyed competitive bridge, and watching his grandchildren at their sporting events. Larry was known by most as a reserved, strong, generous, stubborn, a big Teddy Bear, and loving person. Larry will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 61 years Shirley Sue Rist, his son Rodney Keith and wife Kathy, daughter Rhonda Lynn and husband Paul, daughter Roxanna and husband Brad, daughter Rita Lea and husband Robert, his grandchildren Kari Jo Rhoades and husband Chris, Jared Lee Fowler, Garrett Reed Fowler, Jessica McCrory, Amanda McCrory, Rachel McCrory, Logan Palmer, and Morgan Palmer along with his great-grandchildren Kayla and Easton Rhoades. Also, two sisters Dorothy Gum and Pauline Wright and husband Mike. He is preceded in death by his grandson Steven Rist, parents, and brother Harold Rist. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015 and a celebration of life service will be held Tuesday September 22, 2015 at 10:00 at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, in Broken Arrow, OK.

# Comments

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“ Sue I just heard you lost your loving husband, Larry. You & your family are in my thoughts & prayers. I miss all of you and would be there if I could. I live in Florida now, but think of you & your wonderful family often. Please remember I am praying for you.

**Kathy Kirby** - October 04, 2015 at 12:13 PM

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“ What a great man Larry was. So enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports. Have a great laugh that was so contagious. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you all so much. JoAnn Craig

**JoAnn Craig** - September 22, 2015 at 06:12 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. Bob, Karen, Stacy and family

**Karen Hightower** - September 21, 2015 at 08:50 AM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Eugene Rist

**Kelley Campbell** - September 20, 2015 at 10:42 AM