



## David Ray Blakney

July 31, 1939 - December 27, 2013

David Ray Blakney, of Durant passed away on Friday, December 27, 2013 at the age of 74. David was born on July 31, 1939 in Caddo, OK to Earl Blakney and Mollie Joe (Wrisner) Blakney. He attended various elementary schools in Bryan County and graduated from Central High in Oklahoma City, OK. David proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and later went on to work for the Rail Road in all working 35 years for the government. David met his wife Maudie in

Florida in 1995 they returned to Durant and married on September 16, 1995 in Durant, OK. He liked reading playing Zudco but most of all he enjoyed doing everything together with his wife of 20 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents Earl and Mollie, sister Margaret Owens and grandparents Thomas and Lillie Tyree.

David is survived by his wife Maudie Blakney of the home; two stepdaughters Kimberly Stumbaugh and husband Mark of Denver, Co, Vickie Diaz and husband Johnny of Indiana; step-grandchildren Adam Stumbaugh of Denver, Co and Stephaniae Stumbaugh of Denver, CO, and a very special cousin Odell Headrick of Durant, OK, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 5, 2014 at Brown's Funeral Service with Bro. Alvie Thornton officiating



# Tribute Wall

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“David was my father and his second wife was my mother. His first wife also gave him two children, with whom I grew up and have always considered my full siblings with even though they were about 10 years older than I am. David disowned each of us over the years, one by one. He was not a caring parent and each of his three children were tremendously traumatized by him in customized ways that still affect us in our 40s and 50s. We were honestly glad to hear of his passing. He evidently cared so little for us that even a mere mention of his three children wasn't deemed important enough to include in his obituary—nor were our total of five children, his grandchildren. I can only assume he continued to devalue our existence right up until he passed, just as he did for every day he was actively in our lives. His obituary speaks of a happy marriage with his 4th wife, Maudie. But it's also true that his first three wives despised him, and he treated them terribly in various ways. I knew my father to be an abusive man (all of types of abuse known), a malignant narcissist, gambler, and misogynist who systematically over decades pushed me further and further away from him. I'm glad he enjoyed his step family but a better man would've reached out to his three children to apologize before he died. He certainly had plenty of opportunities because like the decent humans we are, we always were the ones to reach out, to apologize for whatever manufactured slight he used as reasoning for making our every interaction with him painfully bad. The fact that we and our beautiful children (who always asked about their grandfather and why he didn't want to know them, sadly) are omitted even from his obituary speaks volumes about the type of person he truly was. There's no excuse for treating children like animals, and conveniently ignoring his many shortcomings in this regard doesn't for a moment change the reality of the matter.

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