



Delbert Craddock

September 26, 1929 - June 24, 2020

Delbert Craddock of Durant passed away on June 24, 2020 in Calera at the age of 90. He was born on September 26, 1929 in Pickens, OK to Elbert Craddock and Mary Rose.

A longtime resident of Durant, Delbert graduated from Southeastern with a master's degree. He worked as an accountant and married Norma Lea Hawthorne in 1952. The couple shared over 67 years together. He was a member of the Durant Church of Christ and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and woodworking.

Delbert is preceded in death by his parents Elbert and Mary Craddock and sister, Irene Lemon.

Survivors include his loving wife of the home; son, Del L. Craddock and wife Rebecca; daughter, Cheri Adams and husband Bob; grandchildren Jessica Brook and husband John, Elizabeth Mansur and husband John, Dr. Daniel L. Ellis and wife Kaysten, and Shannon Gann; 8 great-grandchildren and sister, Margarette Pate along with other extended family members and dear friends.

A graveside service will be held 10:00 AM Friday, June 26, 2020 at Highland Cemetery in Durant with Layne Heitz officiating. A come and go visitation will be held throughout the day on Thursday.

Online condolences may be made to the family at brownsfuneralservice.com

Services are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd
Durant, OK

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Craddock*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *I had the privilege of knowing Delbert as a member of the church family where he was an elder. In addition to seeing his example of Christian living, I saw him take a young man under his wing to provide expertise when my husband, Mark, needed to know how to restore an old family tube radio. My heart goes out to the family, but you can rejoice knowing you will see him again.*

Susan Hollen - July 09, 2020 at 03:46 PM

“ My Uncle Delbert was a rare man. He was a true Man of God. He had a quiet, gentle spirit and a laugh and sense of humor that brought light and life to all who knew him. He was a man who loved and obeyed the Lord and taught others to do so. He was born in an era that most of us only see in the movies, where there was no running water and they literally used the hearth to cook food. His stories and memories were epic. He was my mom's youngest brother and her life long best friend. When he went to college in Durant, she did too. They stayed close their whole lives and even though mom's life took her to many far away places, they were always joined in spirit. In their golden years, the Lord saw fit to bring all three siblings together in the same town, in the same church. The two sisters, Irene and Marguarett were able to dote on him again and they re-bonded as a family, caring for Grandma and then each other. What a blessing!

I will always remember times at grandma's house, waking to County Line church, breaded and fried venison on the table in a flat blue pyrex dish and peanut butter corn flake candy on the top of the fridge. Then later, the lake, eating fish, sitting in lawn chairs, talking away while Delbert mostly listened. He taught my youngest son how to go out on the boat to fish and they almost sank to the bottom of the lake one time when they sprung a leak. It just made for a good story and laugh later on. So many good times!

Delbert could do anything (especially according to my mom). He was a successful man in his career and able to retire comfortably. He was a master carpenter and could make anything from a sketch. He could garden, hunt, fish, fix things, tool leather, and even play the stock market. An unassuming man whose brilliance was hidden by his humility.

I'm so grateful for Uncle Delbert's role in my life and that we don't have to grieve like others. We have full assurance that the Lord will keep His promises and that when the Lord returns we will all be reunited with Uncle Delbert, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, Pa, Pete,

Dude, Dorothy, Auntie, Uncle, and all the saints in the air to spend eternity together with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Enjoy your rest Uncle Delbert. You were a truly good man.

*With Love and Remembrance,
Lynn*

Lynn Birus - June 26, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Delbert Craddock.*



June 25, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Dad loved the Lord with all his heart. Dad loved and provided for his wife and family all his life! Dad was a man of honor and his word. Dad loved life, enjoyed the lake, fishing, hunting, gardening, fish fries, life always centered around family. Dad loved his church family and had a smile for everyone he met. I am proud to call this kind, generous man my Dad, the blessed little girl he adopted so many years ago. Thank Dad for teaching me how to love and to love the Lord! You are always in my heart! I love you Dad, Cheri*

Cheri Adams - June 25, 2020 at 01:51 PM



Delbert and Norma have been family friends at least fifty years, my family has many happy memories of time together at church and at the lake. We are fortunate to share grandchildren. This was a great genuine man! He was so faithful to our God! Love this family! Praying for them, much love, Chede

Mercedes Ellis - June 26, 2020 at 10:45 AM