



## John D. Willard

October 22, 1926 - August 27, 2017

John D. Willard passed to his Heavenly Home, Saturday August 27th at 8 o'clock a.m. John was 90 years old. Graveside services will be held at Mannsville Cemetery 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 30th with Brown's Funeral Home of Madill officiating.

He was born to Leslie and Beatrice (Smith) Willard Oct. 22, 1926 in Plainview, Ark. His family moved to Greasy Bend in 1936 when he was 10 years old. He attended a one-room classroom at the Greasy Bend School. He attended Mannsville High School until he was drafted into United States Army at the age of 18. John served in the United States Army during WWII and was being trained to invade Japan at Fort Chaffee, Ark., but the war ended and John was sent as an Engineer as part of Occupation Forces to Japan in 1945. After the war, John returned to Ardmore, Oklahoma and worked as a bottler for the Double Cola Bottling Co. for four years.

He married Imogene Ellen Brown, Oct. 6, 1951. This Oct. they would have been married 66 years. Out of that union was born two sons; Gary and Philip. John worked as a trained carpenter for Roy Bowman and various contractors for 35 years around the Ardmore area. He retired in 1988.

John was also an accomplished gardener after his retirement. He enjoyed raising vegetables and melons. His pride was his tomatoes. He had great pleasure in sharing his garden produce with neighbors and family.

John's hobbies included hunting, fishing and camping with family and his life-long friend Edgar Webb. Also John was an avid OU Sooner fan and looked

forward to college football every season.

He was an active member of Mannsville Church of Christ up to his passing.

He had many Christian friends that will sorely miss him.

He is preceded in death by his parents and all his siblings: Lena Willard, Oscar Willard, Sybil Willard Thompson, Hattie Willard Monroe, Elliot Willard, Norman Willard, Dortha Willard Phillips.

Survivors include: Wife Imogene, son and wife Gary and Vickie Willard; son and wife Philip and Bettie Willard. One grandchild and husband Adrianne and Philip Sharrer. Two step-grandchildren include Captain John and wife Lesile Croy, Ft. Augustus, Georgia; Michelle Tippit, Paris, Texas. Great-grandchildren include Kaiya Sharrer and Aria Sharrer. Four step-great grandchildren include; Haley, Mabrey, Marley, and Heidi Croy. He has several nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers include: Clyde Ashford, Gary Don Hall, Bob Ayres, Jackie Pilgrim, Morris Nalls and Ronnie Peoples. Honorary pallbearers include: Randy Cumbie, Eldon Stevenson, Jeff Jantz, and Edgar Webb his life-long friend.

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

AUG **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Madill  
107 E. Tishomingo/ P.O. Box 57  
Madill, OK 73446  
(580) 795-9700  
info@brownsfuneralservice.com  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Graveside Service

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mannsville Cemetery  
4th Ave  
Mannsville, OK 73447

# Tribute Wall



“ *John D. Willard*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.*



**Larry & Lana Hurt (Patriot Guard Riders)** - August 30, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Willard.*



August 29, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John D. Willard.*



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