



## Joe R. Forbes

January 3, 1932 - February 8, 2017

The funeral service for Joe Forbes, 85, of Enid, will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel. Burial at Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday 5:00 to 6:30 PM at the funeral home.

Joe was born January 3, 1932 to John Henry and Beulah Ann (Rains) Forbes in Buffalo, Oklahoma, and passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, in Oklahoma Heart Hospital.

Joe graduated Buffalo High School in 1952 and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956, thirteen months in Korea. Joe married Avis J. Fleming on January 12, 1954, at the First Christian Church in Buffalo. Upon leaving the Air Force, Joe entered college at Oklahoma A & M (now OSU). He attended Panhandle Oklahoma State University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education from OSU in 1960. He taught Ag at Clopton High School, Clarksville, Missouri. Joe also worked in finance for the Missouri Extension and USDA.

After receiving his Masters, he joined PCA and the First National Bank of Enid. Joe retired as Garfield County Assessor in 1997. Joe volunteered at Loaves and Fishes, and was a member of Kremlin Methodist Church. He was very active in the Kremlin Lions Club and Enid Chamber of Commerce

Ambassadors.

He is survived by his wife Avis of the home; two daughters Leah (Gary) Cunningham of Ringwood, and Jody (Roger) Boevers of Mustang; six grandchildren: Clayton Cunningham and Kassidy of Ringwood, Brent Boevers, Luke Boevers both of Mustang, Kristen Rosenkranz and Brent of Hydro, Brian Cunningham and Jodi of Lovington, and Keri Arreola and Armando all of Lovington, NM; Tucker Joe and Talon Mark Cunningham of Ringwood, Reagan and Jace Rosenkranz of Hydro, Taylor and Alyssa Arreola and son Levi, Niki Arreola, and Tres Arreola, Kylee Cunningham, Kamryn Cunningham, and Kendyl Cunningham all of Lovington, NM; 2 sisters Jerrie Finfrock of Tucson, Arizona, and Johnnie Olson of Freedom, Oklahoma; and brother Bobby Forbes of Freedom.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents W.P. and Pearl (Redman) Rains, sister Billie Province, and brother Thomas Forbes.

Memorials may be made to NW Oklahoma Jr. Livestock Boosters or Oklahoma Heart Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr  
Enid, OK 73701

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family & Friends

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burris Funeral Home  
Enid, OK

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burris Funeral Home Chapel  
3002 N. Van Buren  
Enid, OK 73703  
<http://www.andersonburris.com>

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ We were sorry to hear about Joe's passing, he was such a gentleman. We had some dealings with The First National Bank when Joe worked for them he always treated us fairly. We enjoyed our times at the Winery with him & Avis when they would come to hear Brandi Whitaker sing. Joe was a good man & will be missed. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Gary & Janice Anderson

Janice Anderson - February 11, 2017 at 03:24 PM

PG

“ My most memorable time with Joe was when he and Avis journeyed to Rockwall for Tom's 40th Birthday party. None of our friends could remember their names, so they became Uncle Amas and Aunt Mavis; and continue to be called that to this day. I remember waking up with him outside asleep on the lounge chair with a smile on his face. Of course, Aunt Mavis took pictures, but had no film in the camera! Rest In Peace, Uncle Joe.

Pam Gregory - February 11, 2017 at 11:56 AM

DW

“ Sorry to read of Joe's passing. Sending sympathy to his family.



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - February 10, 2017 at 10:55 PM

DR

“ Joe was a great guy to work with for many years at the Assessors Office. I'm unable to attend but you and your family will be in my prayers. Delores Roberts

Delores Roberts - February 10, 2017 at 08:12 PM

JM

“ Avis, thoughts n prayers to you and the family! Joe McVicker

Joe McVicker - February 10, 2017 at 07:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joe R. Forbes.



February 10, 2017 at 04:05 PM

AL

“ Dear Avis,  
Rick and I are so sorry to hear about Joe. Through our years at Chisholm we have some great memories with you and Joe. At this time we are out of town and will not be able to attend the service. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

With love and GOD's blessing,

Rick and Ann Lorenz

Ann Lorenz - February 10, 2017 at 03:05 PM

MO

“ *Avis, we are so sorry for your loss. Joe was such a great guy!*  
*Richard & Monte Burris*

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**Monte** - February 10, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Joe R. Forbes.*



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February 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM

BS

“ *Sorry to hear about Joe. We considered both Joe and Avis good  
friends and great people. I first got to become close friends while we  
were in the County Assessor Association together. He was a good  
mentor to many of us and even demonstrated his fatherly side by  
treating several of like his "daughters". I will miss him. Bob and  
Monica Schmidt, Colorado Springs, CO*

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**Bob and Monica Schmidt** - February 10, 2017 at 09:11 AM

HS

“ *Joe was a good friend to all and always had a smile and kind word  
to share. He will be missed.*

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**Horace & Shelley Stutchman** - February 10, 2017 at 08:26 AM

SC

“ Avis,

*I don't have words to say how sorry I was to hear of Joe's passing. I am sorry we haven't seen more of each other over the years. Please believe you are in my prayers.*

*Sherm Cockrell*

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**Sherm Cockrell** - February 09, 2017 at 11:43 PM

DS

“ We extend our sincere condolences in the passing of Joe. Our prayers are for each of your hearts to be warmed by special memories.

*Dale & Vaughna Schmidt  
Aline, OK*

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**Dale & Vaughna Schmidt** - February 09, 2017 at 06:09 PM

BM

“ Bobby and Sheri Maples purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Joe R. Forbes.



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**Bobby and Sheri Maples** - February 09, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe R. Forbes.



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February 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM

LH

“ So sorry to learn of the passing of Joe. I became acquainted with Joe when I served as an Assessor in Beckham Co. the same time he was the Assessor . He was an active member and worked very hard for the Association. We know he will be missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to your family. Loretta Hall, Elk City

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**Loretta Hall** - February 09, 2017 at 04:24 PM

PT

“ Peggy McKee and Career Confidential Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe R. Forbes.



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**Peggy McKee and Career Confidential Team** - February 09, 2017 at 03:53 PM