

## Jimmy Clyde Ray Sr.

Jimmy Clyde Ray, Sr. passed away on December 12, 2009 after a four-week battle with cancer. He was born April 30, 1931 in Oklahoma City and was the fifth of six children of Joe and Hattie Ray.

He was a 1949 graduate of Midwest City High School. He married Lawana Rae Stone September 9, 1950 in Oklahoma City. They spent 53 wonderful years together, raising their six boys, whom they loved dearly.

He joined the Air Force in 1952 and served four years as a Radar Repair Technician. Upon discharge in 1956, he began his career at Tinker Air Force Base, retiring in 1987.

Upon his retirement, he worked and played with his buddies at Trosper Golf Course for 20 years. He loved all sports as both a spectator and a participant. He loved to laugh and was known for adding his own flavor to a good story.

In May 2009 Jim moved to the Village on the Park Retirement Center, where he made so many friends and wonderful memories.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and five siblings. He is survived by his six sons: Jimmy Jr. and Pat of Oklahoma City; Gerald and Anita of Mid West City; Jeff & Sheila, Kevin & Rona, Brian & Jill, & Keith, all of Oklahoma City; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren with one more on the way and countless friends.

At his request, no services were held. In lieu of flowers, he suggested that you spend some time laughing with your kids and grandkids, keeping him in mind when you do.

Jimmy worked in MDA, Central GEEIA Region and the Engineering Installation Center at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City.