



Bobby Dean Riddle

April 10, 1932 - August 19, 2025

Bobby Dean Riddle, 93, of Ada, OK, passed away peacefully on August 19th , 2025,

surrounded by his loving family.

Born on April 10, 1932, in Oklahoma City, OK to Bernice and Irene (Yoakum) Riddle. He

graduated from Frederick High School in 1949.

A proud veteran, Bobby enlisted in the United States Army in 1948 at the young age of 16.

He served as a Second Lieutenant in the 45th infantry during the Korean War from 1950 to

1953, stationed in both Japan and Korea. At the age of 19, he was promoted to squad leader

in combat on the front lines. During his time in the military, Bobby received multiple awards

and honors for his heroic service and dedication to his country. He also played two years of

football for The Thunderbirds while in the Army.

After his honorable discharge, Bobby attended Central State College in Edmond, OK on a

football scholarship, where he was awarded Outstanding Athlete of the Year during both his

Freshman and Senior years. Bobby met Donna Fern Horton during his time at

Central State.

They were married on May 24, 1953 in the Chapel of Central State. He would always say

Donna was the prettiest girl on campus, and he was the most outstanding athlete, so of

course everyone wanted to attend the biggest event of the year at the college.

Bobby went on

to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Central State in 1956 and Master's Degree

in Education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK in 1966.

Bobby was a very loved and well-known teacher and coach at Camarillo High School in

Camarillo, CA where he retired from education in 1989 after 33 years. He was a devoted

husband and father, who enjoyed fishing, playing cards, giving swimming lessons to

grandchildren, watching sporting events, grilling out and spending quality time with his

grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents Bernice and Irene Riddle; wife, Donna Riddle;

brothers – Roy Riddle, Floyd Riddle, and Glen Riddle; sisters – Beatrice Gilley, ImaJean

Sheffield; and granddaughter, Regina Bradley.

Bobby is survived by his two daughters – Janet and husband Donald McCarty of Ada, OK

and Karla Scott of Wynnewood, OK. Four grandchildren – Kristi and husband Jay Mitchell of

Ada, OK, Shelby and husband Tyler Tadlock of Ada, OK, Risha and husband Wesley Lindsey

of Wynnewood, OK, Kaylee and husband Bret Dunn of Wynnewood, OK.

Seven great

grandchildren – Madyson, Paisley, Caden, Jaxon, Jenson, Alaia and Bryndel, as well as sister Linda and husband Santos Hernandez of Lawton, OK and a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at DeArman's Funeral

Home in Wynnewood, OK officiated by Russell Brewer, with burial to follow at Oaklawn

Cemetery in Wynnewood. Family visitation will be held on Friday, August 22nd from 4:00 p.m.

to 7:00 p.m. at DeArman's. Please send online condolences to demarmanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

Wynnewood
Wynnewood, OK 73098

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

DeArman Funeral Home- Wynnewood
103 E Cherokee St
Wynnewood, OK 73098
(405) 665-4554
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Cathleen R lit a candle in memory of Bobby Dean Riddle*



Cathleen R - August 22, 2025 at 07:20 PM

CR

An exceptional man, fond memories of him and his wife, going way back to our days in Camarillo and a few in OK, God Rest your beautiful soul 🙏

Cathleen R - August 22, 2025 at 07:22 PM

JS

To a great coach, and a good friend who I had many good times with. You had some great parties at your home with other coaches and teachers which were so much fun. Prayers to the rest of the family for such a difficult time.

John Spohn - September 07, 2025 at 08:54 PM

SU

“ *Mr. Riddle was more than just an excellent teacher, he was an exceptional human. He made me feel seen, valued and capable during a time in my life that I desperately needed it. Teachers like him make such a positive imprint on the world. Even more than 50 years later, I think of him fondly. My deepest condolences to his family. Rest in Peace*

Susanne - August 21, 2025 at 03:53 PM

RB

Bobby was an exception man who touched so many during his extrodanary life. We loved hearing his stories at the family reunions. He will be greatly missed.

Rita Bartgis - August 21, 2025 at 09:40 PM

LR

“ *Lora Rader lit a candle in memory of Bobby Dean Riddle*



Lora Rader - August 21, 2025 at 03:39 PM

ST

“ *Loved visiting Uncle Bobby and Aunt Donna when we lived in Camarillo! They let us pick Mandarin oranges and avocados and had a great game room. My dad, his brother, Glen clearly loved and respected Bobby following closely in his footsteps with service to this country and degrees in Education. So happy I got to spend time with Uncle Bobby growing up and will continue to remember him fondly. I always bring him up when visiting the area.*

Stacie - August 21, 2025 at 02:12 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Bobby Dean Riddle*



Linda Hernandez - August 21, 2025 at 12:28 PM



I'm going to miss my brother forever. Praying for his daughters and grandchildren. He will be missed by many. I love you Bobby ❤️❤️

Linda Hernandez - August 21, 2025 at 06:52 PM