



Freddie Leon McElroy

August 30, 1939 - February 20, 2025

Freddie Leon McElroy passed away on February 20, 2025 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma at the age of 85. He was born August 30, 1939, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and lived a life of dedication and service.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at the DeArman-Clark Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Rev. J.T. Carnell. Military honors will be provided by the American Legion Post 164. Inurnment will follow at the Seaman First Class Billy Turner Veterans Cemetery in Ardmore. The U.S. Army Honors Team will provide Full Military honors.

Freddie proudly served his country and built a distinguished career in the Army. He entered the United States Army National Guard on March 16, 1955 in Oklahoma City. He claimed to be 2 years older than his actual age on his initial enlistment, joining for the first time at the age of 15 years, 6 months and 15 days. He was honorably discharged on February 13, 1965. During his time of service, he earned the rank of Staff Sergeant and received his Marksman Badge.

Freddie re-entered service on May 23, 1965 in Glendale, Arizona. He was honorably discharged and retired from the 996th Medical Company on March 5, 1990 in Glendale, Arizona. During this chapter of his service, Freddie received: The Armed Forces reserve medal (3 awards), The Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (4 awards and 2 bronze oak leaf clusters), The Long Service Medal from the State of Arizona (3 awards), the Arizona National Guard Exceptionally Long Service Medal and The Army Lapel Button

During Freddie's time of service (March 1955-January 1980), he was a cook, now called a Food Service Specialist. He was promoted to First Cook in February of 1980 and held that position until his retirement in March of 1990. Freddie married Edna Jean Inman on April 19, 2005, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and they shared years of love and companionship. Freddie is preceded in death by his wife, Edna.

Cremation arrangements were made under the direct DeArman-Clark Funeral home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Freddie and his first wife sue with their grandson



gabrielle pruet - August 29, 2025 at 11:49 PM

MI

“ I knew Freddie well. His children abandoned him after they took all they could from him so we did our best to help him. Freddie and Jean were a quirky and feisty couple. They went dancing twice a week and loved getting a Braum's ice cream on the way home. Freddie really enjoyed going to the gym at Tinker Air Force Base and working out among the young guys. But Freddy's real pleasures were brownies and a whiskey at the local dive bar. He was a good old boy. RIP

Mic - February 25, 2025 at 11:20 PM

CP

Laughter is the best medicine... I'll always remember him saying this. And he loved the pictures of his wife, and he'd show us the picture posted here of him in uniform and say, "That's a good looking fella there!" He will be missed as he was loved by all the nursing home staff.

Crystal Pittman - February 26, 2025 at 09:50 AM

MI

I'm so glad to hear that. Thank you for caring for him and loving him while he was in your care.

Mic - March 02, 2025 at 01:40 PM

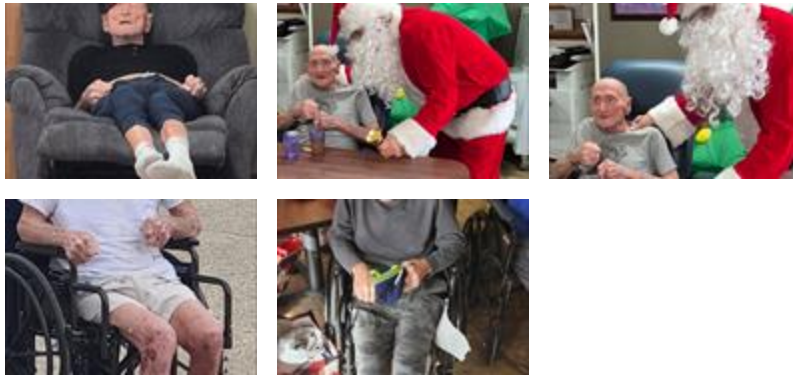
GP

I loved hanging out with my great grandfather as a child.but after my great grandmother sue passed my dad and him grew apart. I was only five when she died. I wish I was able to find him again sooner. May he rest in peace and Freddie please give great grandma sue a hug for me.

gabrielle pruet - August 28, 2025 at 08:39 AM

LE

“ 11 files added to the album Freddie at Blue River



Leah - February 25, 2025 at 01:51 PM

MI

Thanks for sharing these photos.

Mic - February 25, 2025 at 11:22 PM