



Tommy Clinton

January 31, 1940 - March 5, 2017

Tommy Clinton a resident of Henryetta passed this life on March 5, 2017 in Tulsa at the age of 77. Born January 31, 1940 in Tahlequah, Ok to Delbert and Anne (Wolfe) Clinton. Tommy was a Veteran serving with the US Army.

He retired from PSO and operated his heat and air company in Henryetta for many years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Tommy married Roberta Benson on December 23, 1985 in Miami, Ok.

Survived by his wife Roberta of the home

Children: Marni Major of Oologah,OK

Eddie and Bridget Benton of Bixby

Todd and Poppy Benton of Glenpool

Dustin Benton of Henryetta

Grandchildren: Dalton Clinton-Major, Cameron, Hannah, Shelbi, Caden, Tesla, Sabastian, Sheldon, Zoe and Jonas

Great Grandchild: Israel Benton

Sister: Glenna and Luke Hensley of Stillwell,OK

Charlene and Bill Butler of Westville

Brother: Ronnie and Bennie Clinton of Westville.

Funeral service will be 2:00pm, Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Harrison, officiating. Interment will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery with military honors. Services under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

2800 West Main
Henryetta, OK 74437

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home
1302 West Main Street
Henryetta, OK 74437
(918) 650-9090
rogersfh@aol.com
<https://www.rogersfuneralhomeinc.com>

Visitation

MAR 8. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
420 W Trudgeon
Henryetta, OK 74437
(918) 652-4277
<http://henryettafbc.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Rogers Funeral Home - March 07, 2017 at 01:33 PM

BB

Wonderful Tribute !!

Bridget Benton - March 07, 2017 at 03:11 PM

LA

Thank you for your service and sacrifices both in military and Spiritual war.

LaRinda - March 12, 2017 at 11:09 PM

“ *Eulogy for Papa Tommy*

Tommy Clinton, Daddy, Papa, Friend, Serviceman – he meant so many things to each one of us.

He loved God, Family, People, Work, and his Animals.

He personified what it means to be a good man.

Integrity, honesty, humble, morals – these defined his character.

He was the kind of man who any parent would be proud to have as a son.

Q: Who here loved Tommy for the man that he was?

Brother, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather.

He took care of mom for 31 years. However, in his own words he would say “she takes very good care of me”.

He raised a daughter and a stepson.

He helped raise two grandkids.

He was always there for us stepsons, and he loved his grandchildren and they loved him dearly.

He would reminisce about his parents and his time growing up. He remembered and cherished their teachings and weaved their words of wisdom into that great character he had.

He also liked to tell stories of growing up on the Barron Fork River south of Westville, OK. Although listed as a creek on the map, it was a mighty river to him as a young boy.

He was a Storyteller. The common theme from people we meet is that he loves to talk.

The People of Henryetta and the surrounding counties has lost a local historian. He knew so many people and he would often be reminded of his experiences with them and share those stories when we were together. Many have passed on ahead of him, but he kept their memories alive.

I do not think he ever intended to retire from working. He recently would express concern of aging to a physical state that limited him from working. So in a way, he got his wish of working until his last days.

Tommy was indeed a Handyman. His trade was heating and air

conditioning. However, he took many other repair jobs; I think he did so mainly when he thought he could help someone in need and provide good value. And people trusted him with their jobs. For 18 years he has serviced our two air conditioners every spring. We will need one recharged this spring and it will be very sad and strange when another technician comes out to do this, as I am sure many of you will experience.

Papa Tommy had many animals over the years. From a pig that roamed the yard, to chickens and goats and guineas. Then there were the two donkeys that became a herd numbering in the teens much of the last decade.

After a long day of work, or some of you might say visiting, he liked to come home and slip up to the game room to watch old western movies. He must have watched all the classics dozens of times. In fact, if John Wayne made it to heaven, he has probably tracked him down and shaken his hand. In recent years he could be found watching a newer movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* over and over again.

And he liked gospel and bluegrass types of music like the Gaithers. Marni points out that he loved listening to Marty Robbins. Last year when I set up a music streaming app on mom's iPhone to a new Bluetooth speaker, I asked Papa who he wanted to hear. He said Don Williams. He sat mesmerized getting to hear those old songs. I do not know too many Don Williams songs...Tulsa Time...Good Ole Boys Like Me. Well, Tommy was certainly a Good Ole Boy.

In the mid-80's he built the big house he and mom lives in. He bought a house plan and really only intended to complete the downstairs. However, with a new wife, and a picky one at that, he got the finish the entire house. Not only that, but the lumber he used to frame and floor that house he reclaimed by tearing down some buildings on Main Street; in fact, I think they were just East of the old theater. And you just can't buy lumber like that now. So when we are in that home we will always see his fingerprint and the skill and time invested in the House that Papa built.

I grew up in this church (FBC), I was baptized up here, I was married on this stage.

Tommy served as an adult in this church, he grew old in this church. His peers and friends were the mentors and teachers of my generation.

So I have this special connection to him and I lift up a special prayer for the people of this church.

In closing, I must emphasize that Tommy was a man of strong faith. He would often quote and paraphrase scripture, and he liked to talk about people and stories in the bible.

He absolutely believed that the rapture is near.

Oh, he liked life on earth; he took it all in and made the most of it. Sure, he would liked to have taken care of us a while longer. But he really looked forward to going to heaven.

We almost lost him 3 months ago, so perhaps the Lord gave him that extra time to say goodbye.

He leaves behind a close family bound together in his love.

Papa, we Love You and will always Miss You.

-Eddie Joe Benton, Stepson since 1985

Eddie Benton - March 10, 2017 at 06:18 PM

JY

“ *Very sad to hear of Tommy's passing. I was blessed to have known him for over 30 years. I always enjoyed our conversations and I know my grandparents did too. Major loss for this community.....J. Yaerger*

Jerod Yaerger - March 09, 2017 at 10:29 PM

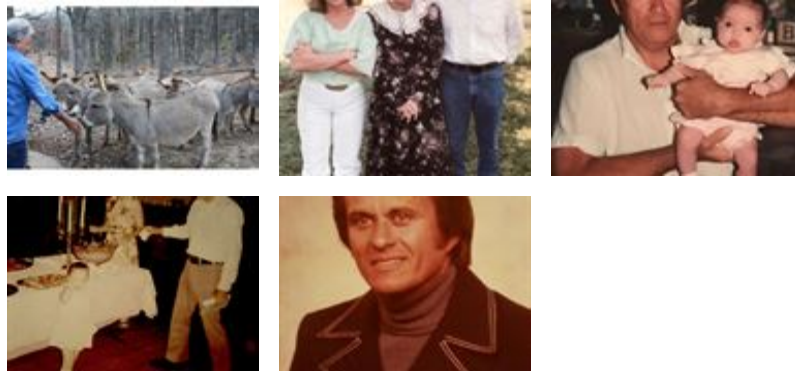
JC

“ So sad to hear this. I worked with Tommie at PSO and he really was a swell guy. Ed Cooper

Joan Cooper - March 09, 2017 at 11:30 AM



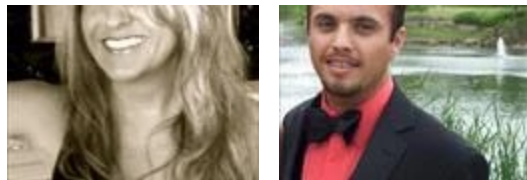
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Rogers Funeral Home - March 09, 2017 at 07:37 AM

MJ

“ Tommy's grandson, Dalton Major and beautiful daughter, Marni Major. Marni and Dalton, I'm so sorry to hear about Tommy's, passing. The Lord will help you through this. I'm praying for both of you. Love you both so much.



Mary Jobe-Bullard - March 08, 2017 at 04:37 PM

CS

“ Tommy was a great asset to my tenure in with PSO in Okmulgee. He was a very good man & one that I could often have a talk with to gain understanding and wisdom. Tommy was wise & he was one of the folk I missed when I transferred to Bartlesville. I loved him dearly. He was a good friend and excellent coworker. His work ethic, kindness, and generosity always amazed me. He is greatly missed... Many prayers going up for his family and close friends...



God bless you in the coming days!

Charlotte Stukey, Bartlesville

Charlotte Stukey - March 08, 2017 at 02:54 PM

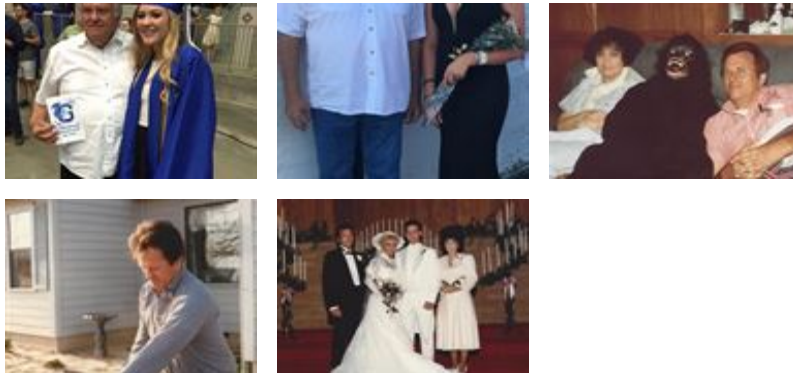


Tommy was a great person but he was my friend. Will miss him so much. My condolences to all his family. John & Georgia Morgan

Georgia Morgan - March 08, 2017 at 06:34 PM



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Rogers Funeral Home - March 08, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tommy Clinton.*



March 07, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ *Mary Jobe-Bullard lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Mary Jobe-Bullard - March 07, 2017 at 03:48 PM



“ *Tommy, was a wonderful man. He was a wonderful father to His daughter, Marni Major and a wonderful grandfather to his grandson, Dalton Major. He will truly be missed. Praying for you, Marni and your son, Dalton.*
Love you both, Mary

Mary Jobe-Bullard - March 07, 2017 at 03:43 PM



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Rogers Funeral Home - March 07, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ From your Statistica Family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Tommy Clinton.



From your Statistica Family. - March 07, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bridget Benton - March 07, 2017 at 12:55 PM

MH

“ Margaret Harrison lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton



Margaret Harrison - March 07, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tommy Clinton.



March 07, 2017 at 11:18 AM

WS

“ Wayne & Leta Sikes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Tommy Clinton.



Wayne & Leta Sikes - March 07, 2017 at 10:41 AM



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Luc Van Rompaey - March 07, 2017 at 12:02 AM

LB

Roberta and family: so sorry for your loss.. may the peace of the Lord be with you in this trying time

lloyd barnett - March 07, 2017 at 07:45 AM

BE

“ *Barbara Eaves lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Barbara Eaves - March 06, 2017 at 11:43 PM

RS

“ *Regina Randall Stittsworth lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Regina Randall Stittsworth - March 06, 2017 at 08:44 PM

JP

“ Lorie and I were shocked and saddened with the news of Tommy's passing. Tommy was a kind and thoughtful man. He did so much for the church in keeping the heating and air conditioning units running. He loved helping when we had the Labor Celebration Day in our Family Life Center. When Tommy would come up and work at the house, it would always take longer than expected because Tommy and Lorie like to talk. I remember some really good times over breakfast with Tommy and George Christy. Our thoughts and prayers go to Roberta and the family. Tommy Clinton will surely be missed!

Bro. Jim and Lorie Paslay

Jim Paslay - March 06, 2017 at 04:53 PM

LS

I'm very saddened about the loss of Tommy. I lost my husband Don on Feb. 9th and he and Tommy worked together lot. They always enjoy d each other. Tommy would come by the house and see us the last year we lived there and we really enjoyed that. Roberta you and the family are in my prayers. Lorieta Sweeney

Lorieta Sweeney - March 06, 2017 at 06:30 PM

BP

“ Tommy well be missed by the group at McDonalds He was loved by all who knew him. He was always a joy to be around. Roberta, Linda and I want to tell you how sorry we was to hear about his passing. Our prayers well be for you and all his grand and great and grand children and all his family of which he was so proud of. Bobby & Linda

Bobby Patterson - March 06, 2017 at 02:51 PM

HC

“ *Heather & Chazlin lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Heather & Chazlin - March 06, 2017 at 01:57 PM

SK

“ *To the family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I know that Tommy was a big presence in all of your lives and that he will truly be missed. I have kept him and all of you in my prayers since he had his heart attack and surgeries. I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers now. I know that you all have many happy times and good stories to share about him.*
Susi Kelch

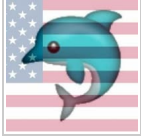
Susi Agee Kelch - March 06, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dottie Neighbors lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Dottie Neighbors - March 06, 2017 at 12:46 PM



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Dottie Neighbors - March 06, 2017 at 12:46 PM



RIP our dear sweet friend. You will be missed very much. ♡

Dottie Neighbors - March 06, 2017 at 12:50 PM

BA

“ *Roberta,*

Our thoughts are with you and all the family. We will miss our visits with Tommy at the Post Office.

Betty and Everett Allen

Betty&Everett Allen - March 06, 2017 at 10:58 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Jobe-Bullard lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Mary Jobe-Bullard - March 06, 2017 at 09:10 AM

MJ

Tommy was a wonderful father and man. Marni, I'm so sorry to hear about your fathers death. He's rejoicing in Heaven and sitting at the feet of Jesus. I love you Marni and praying for you ✨ Mary

Mary Jobe-Bullard - March 06, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ *Donnie McKay lit a candle in memory of Tommy Clinton*



Donnie McKay - March 06, 2017 at 07:43 AM



RIP Old friend. Glad you were in my life.

Donnie McKay - March 06, 2017 at 07:46 AM

MP

“ *My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. Tommy was such a great guy. He will be missed by many.*

Marion Purin - March 05, 2017 at 05:46 PM

BD

Prayers going up for comfort and strength for all. So sorry!

Barbara and Duane Davidson - March 06, 2017 at 09:55 AM

MB

So sad to hear Tommy has passed away...you tired to hold on to him but his love for his heavenly Father was so great during his time of need....he is resting now...many prayers continue for you and his family....

Mary Buchanan - March 06, 2017 at 05:50 PM

LD

Roberta and family, we are so sorry. Tommy was such a kind man. We will miss him. We are praying for you. LaDonna and Denny Dodge

LaDonna Dodge - March 06, 2017 at 11:13 PM