



Melvin L. Dickson

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The Dickson family is saddened to announce the death of Melvin "Mel" Dickson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. Mel blessed us with a wonderful 92 years of love, friendship and many smiles. Melvin was born July 3, 1921 in Anson, KS to Jesse and Edna Dickson the eldest of two sons. Melvin married Gladys Faye Close August 10, 1943. They celebrated 70 years of wedded bliss August 10, 2013. Melvin proudly served his country in World War II from 1942 to 1946 as Military Police in the European theatre. He retired from General Electric in 1986 after 31 years. Prior he worked for Cessna Aircraft and the Coleman Company. He was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church (formerly Harwood) for 62 years. One of Mel's passions was woodworking which he excelled at. He loved the outdoors. He was one of the founding members of the North Valley Little League in 1963. He and Gladys ran the concession stand for 5 years. He was a devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife Gladys, sons Clark and wife Anne Dickson of Odessa, TX, Russ Dickson of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, brother Robert Dickson of Wellington, KS, sister-in-law Donna Roth of Casper, WY, Grandsons Jesse Dickson of Albuquerque, NM, Ben and wife Crystal Dickson of Midland, TX, great-grandchildren, Rylan, Brody, Mackenzie and Brinlee of Midland, TX, nieces Pam and husband Scott Jones, Michelle and husband Mike Loomer,

nephews Larry and Kim Roth, Jerry Dickson, grand-nieces Emily, Crystal, Melissa, Britta, Analise, great-nephews Morgan, Phillip and Eric. The family would like to thank Gentiva Hospice for the loving care he received, especially from Valerie, Christina and Marla. Services will be held Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 420 San Lorenzo NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. Interment will be at Santa Fe National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church. Please visit our online guest book for Melvin at www.frenchfunerals.com

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Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe, NM

Previous Events

Services

MAR **29**. 3:00 PM (MT)

Grace United Methodist Church
220 San Lorenzo NW
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

VI

“ Clark and Anne,

Just wanted you to know that we are thinking about you as you go through this difficult time. It is never easy to lose a parent no matter our prepared we think we may be. Your dad was such a sweet sweet man and Ron and I are so glad that we got to meet him and visit with him while he was in Odessa visiting you on several different occasions. I know that you will miss him, but let his memories bring you joy and happiness. It has to give you peace to know that he is a healthy man once again. We are thinking of you.

Vicki - March 30, 2014 at 07:06 PM

JS

“Melvin was a good and kind man. He was quite an reserved but also knew how to fight the good fight. Just ask the robber that tried to take Gladys purse and the car on vacation. So too was his fight with the disease that eventually took his life. He was a good friend to those he encountered throughout his life. His association with my family occurred when my father was appointed pastor of Harwood UMC. He and Gladys were involved with the youth and he showed patience and wisdom in how he provided guidance and dealt with the trials tribulations presented by his sons and the preachers sons (Smith boys). Melvin also knew how to enjoy life and we had many laughs and fun times on vacations and weekly get togethers playing dominos. But the thing that stands out the most about Melvin is that he was consistent and unwavering in his Christian beliefs throughout the 50 years that I knew him. We wouldn't see each other for years, but upon each occasion that we did it was like we hadn't been apart. The conversation was real, relevant, and easy. I consider myself privileged to have known Mel and call him friend.

I pray that his family knows how much Mel was loved by others. May their grieving be healed by the revelation that Mel lived a long and fruitful life. He is now called home to another grand gathering where God has prepared for his arrival. Let the trumpets sound and the choir sing for there is no greater calling.

Jerry Smith

Jerry Smith - March 29, 2014 at 03:08 PM

JS

“Jane S. purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Melvin L. Dickson.



Jane S. - March 29, 2014 at 10:52 AM

WS

“*Mel was a friendly and helpful neighbor. When I needed some tool sharpening or information on "how to" do some task, he was always available to support me. And when I didn't quite get it right, he would patiently walk me thru the steps to get it right. Thanks Mel.*

William Shover - March 28, 2014 at 02:01 PM

JD

“*On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences*

Jonathan Dyck - March 28, 2014 at 11:21 AM