



Ace Tim Tapp

February 23, 1944 - June 8, 2026

Ace Tim Tapp, aged 82, of Grove, Oklahoma, passed away on June 8, 2026 in Joplin, Missouri. Born on February 23, 1944, in Corona, California, Ace dedicated four years to serving in the United States Army, where he exemplified commitment and valor. Following his military service, he embarked on a diverse career path, notably serving as the City Manager of Bethany, Oklahoma, and managing a Conoco Phillips gas station. His passion for sports translated into his role as a boxing coach, influencing many young athletes throughout his years.

Ace was known for his love of fishing, watching sports, and his unwavering support for OU, reflecting his joyful and spirited nature. He was a beacon of happiness and assistance in his community, often remembered as the best dad by those who knew him best.

He is survived by his son, Keith Tapp, and daughter, Carrie Tapp, both of Grove; daughter, Timi Garcia of Burnsflat, OK; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister, Ernestine Rains of Victorville, California. Ace was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Capitola Tapp; his beloved wife, Zella Tapp; four sisters; and son, Lance Gilliland.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services in Grove, OK, is assisting the family during this time.

Ace's life and legacy will be cherished and remembered through the memories he leaves behind and the impact he made on his community and family.