



## William E. McNelly

January 2, 1924 - April 14, 2019

William "Bill" E. McNelly, age 95, of Grove, OK passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Grove Nursing Center.

Bill was born on January 2, 1924 to Frank and Ruth (Ratcliff) McNelly in Bentonville, AR. Bill entered the work force at a young age and had several different occupations throughout his life, ranging from plant supervisor and construction supervisor. he owned McNelly Wrecker Service and McNelly Hotel in Bentonville.

On February 5, 1943, Bill married the love of his life, Buanita Cowden in Wichita, KS. The couple later made their home in Bentonville, AR until moving to Grove in 1987 to be closer to family. While in Wichita, Bill became a member of the 32nd degree masons.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Buanita McNelly, one daughter, Tammy Darlene, four brothers and one sister.

Left to cherish his memory: daughter, Debbie Shaw and husband, Charlie of Grove, OK; grandsons, Jacob Dee, Micah Dee, Weston Shaw and wife, Dani, Ethan Shaw, T.J. Shaw and special friend Mary Morris; many nieces and nephews, 5 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5-7pm Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services. Funeral services will be held at 3pm Sunday, May 19, 2019 at First United Methodist Church. Pastor Randy Hamill to officiate.

Graveside services will be held at 11am Monday, May 20, 2019 at White

Chapel Memorial Gardens in Wichita, KS.

The family request that donations in Bill's honor be made to the Grove Sr. Citizens Center, 145 E O'Daniel Pkwy, Grove, OK 74344.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services, Grove, OK.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *William E. McNelly*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Uncle Bill was a wonderful man. Due to bad weather I won't be able to come. Marilyn K Moore*

**Marilyn K Moore** - May 18, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ *Charlie, Debbie and boys, we are so sad to hear of the loss of your sweet sweet father and grandfather. We feel so fortunate to have known him and your grandmother. He was always smiling, quick witted, laughing, kind and very generous just like your family. What a legacy he has left the world with your lovely family. He will be missed by everyone that had the pleasure to know him. He made the world a happier better place to live. You all are in our thoughts and prayers as you say your goodbyes. Love to each of you from my heart to yours !*

**linda and bob barnes** - May 18, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ *With all of our love, Terry, Carolyn & Carter purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William E. McNelly.*



**With all of our love, Terry, Carolyn & Carter** - May 17, 2019 at 03:05 PM

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“ *Vonnie, Jamey, Jason and Jodi purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William E. McNelly.*



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**Vonnie, Jamey, Jason and Jodi** - May 17, 2019 at 10:31 AM