



Orville Franklin

May 17, 1935 - March 30, 2010

Orville Eugene Franklin entered this world on May 17, 1935. His parents, Eddie and Lena welcomed him as their 4th child. Orville was raised throughout the South, living in Oklahoma and Texas. He enjoyed the farmlands with his brothers Ed, Bob, Kenneth, Jim, and John and sisters Edina, Theida, Fay and Ann. Orville married Allene Lawrence and moved west to California, then to Arizona, where he spent the rest of his life. They had four children Eddie, Gene, Carolyn and Donna. Orville also raised Dale Riggs, who he always loved as much as his sons. During these years he worked hard as a cement mason and belonged to the local union. Orville was blessed with five beautiful grandchildren. He was very sad to lose his youngest, Lisa at a very young age, but has been delighted in watching Stacy, Vikki, Farest, and Jesse blossom into promising young adults. They have extended his legacy with his great-grandchildren Marina, Justice, Brihanna, and Liberty. His face would light up like no other when he was able to spend time with them and teach them what he had learned throughout his life. Orville spent the last 34 years with his loving wife Joyce. They shared a wonderful life. While living in Laveen, they enjoyed caring for their multitudes of animals and absorbing the beautiful scenes the South Mountain provides. Once moving to Dewey they continued to share their bond. Each Spring they would begin to plant their garden. Orville would be so proud of the vegetables he would grow and claim he had the hottest peppers. He was raised planting, continued it throughout his life and taught his great grandchildren how fun it

can be to have the earth provide for you. These are lessons they will take with them as they to grow. Orville had a love for tractors. Throughout their home and property there are signs to confirm that. Whether it is the wagon wheels lining the fence, the remodel tractor in the garage or the miniature John Deere's in the curio, his affection was seen. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday April 3, 2010 to remember this great man. To recall how he made you laugh, what he taught you and the love he gave.

Tribute Wall

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“ My Grandfather, my teacher, my friend, but by far i remember him as the greatest man who ever lived. He took his time with me, made sure i understood the ways to treat people, how to work hard, and to enjoy life. he gave me my moral compass. he gave me my work ethic. when i watched him and Grandma Joyce... he showed me how to love. to this day i cannot look at a knife without thinking of him, for the first tool he ever gave me was a swiss pocket knife, then it was every tool i could find on the farm, id pick it up and we would use it together. he and i would walk the fields, he would talk about how the earth could feed me and provide me the income i would need and threw hard work, it would make a man out of me and never let my family down. we picked an onion straight from the ground used our pocket knives to cut into it, and after slicing out a wedge, he and i bit into this onion, that was sweeter than an apple. ill never forget the time he took out this old Junker tractor, that he used to rile up the bull. well the bull this day got the better of him and tipped the tractor. grandpa was screaming bloody murder at that bull while being trapped in the open cabin that had no windows just a thin top for shade. this bull was giving him hell. when grandma and i heard we went outside. saw all this commotion, and I'm terrified for grandpa, and grandma looked down at me and smiled after laughing, says serves him right for making that bull so mad... tell you what lets have some lemonade? i said but grandma, she hushed me and says theirs nothing to be done till that bulls had his fun. grandpa is just going to have to wait him out. so grandma and i had lemonade until that bull walked himself into his pin and laid down.

there are so many more, but i think ill keep those just for me. truly a great man. so proud to be of his family tree.

LOVE YOU GRANDPA!

JESSE FRANKLIN - February 27, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Orville Franklin

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Grandpa there are no words to explain how much I will miss you. I love that you were such a great dad to my mom. I have such great memories of when we were young going to your house in Laveen. I will never forget those times but the memories you have made with my kids are even better. I loved to see you with them. It was one of the best sights in the world. You always has such a distinctive laugh. The kids LOVED to see you get excited. They thought it was the greatest and always talked about it. You have taught Justice so many wonderful lessons and he is a better man because of it. If he grows to be half the man you are built with character, grace and love I will be the proudest of those accomplishments. I pray that Liberty is blessed with a man that will take care of her like you cared for Joyce. I thank you for all the little things that have made the biggest differences in my life and my children's lives. I love you so much and am comforted in knowing that you are are laughing in heaven watching us.

Stacy Rodriguez - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ papa i love you

Liberty Rodriguez - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Don't be mad if I cry
It just hurts so bad sometimes
'Cause everyday it's sinking in
And I have to say goodbye all over again
You know I bet it feels good to have the weight of this world off your
shoulders now
I'm dreaming of the day when I'm finally there with you*

*Save a place for me
Save a place for me
I'll be there soon
I'll be there soon
Save a place for me
Save some grace for me
I'll be there soon
I'll be there soon*

*I have asked the question why
But I guess the answer's for another time
So instead I'll pray with every tear
And be thankful for the time I had you here
And I wanna live my life just like you did
Make the most of my time just like you did
And I wanna make my home up in the sky
Just like you did
Oh, but until I get there
Until I get there*

*Save a PLACE FOR ME Daddy... I WILL BE THERE SOON.....I
miss you soooo much already.*

Carolyn Franklin Rodriguez - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Orville Franklin*

Joan Crownover Miller - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My papa was a great man.He never tried to be better than anyone.I love my papa.*

Justice Rodriguez - March 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM