

IN MEMORY OF
EDWIN ELLIOTT
"ED"
CARNETT

Obituary for Edwin Carnett



Ringling - Celebration of Life services for Mr. Edwin "Ed" Elliott Carnett, 100, are scheduled for 10:00 AM Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 at the Ringling United Methodist Church with family providing personal tributes and -Pastor John Marks assisting. Services are under the direction and care of Alexander Funeral Home of Ringling.

Ed was born October 21, 1916 at Springfield, MO to the late Mr. Jesse Boyd Carnett and Mrs. Velma Flo (Coffman) Carnett. He departed this life Friday, November 4, 2016 at his home in Ringling.

At a young age Ed moved with his parents to Ponca City, where he learned to love the game of baseball. He graduated from Ponca City High School and was drafted into the minor leagues. He played for three different major league teams from 1941-45 including the Boston Bees (Braves), Chicago White Sox and the Cleveland Indians. His name was on the roster for 20 teams in his 19 year career spanning minor and major leagues.

Ed met the former Marylee Diffenderfer at a county fair in her hometown of Lebanon, MO after the 1940 minors season. They married 3 months later.

Ed was a notable left-handed pitcher and position player. During WWII he was drafted into the United States Navy serving from 1945 to 1946 as a seaman 1st class. He was part of the Great Lakes Naval baseball team that included Hall of Famer Bob Feller. After a career in baseball, they moved to Burlington, IA in the 1950's. He managed the Burlington Country Club, worked at a chemical services plant, and scouted for the Cleveland Indians. In 1978, Ed and Marylee retired to Lebanon, MO, to enjoy singing in a barber shop quartet, golf, fishing and family. In 2006 they moved to Ringling, OK to be near their daughter Suzanne. At the time of Ed's passing he was the oldest living Major League Baseball player. He

was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the baptist faith.

Preceding him in death were his Parents; brother, Charles Boyd Carnett, nephew, Mike Taylor and brother in law, Bill Grindstaff.

Survivors include his wife of 76 years, Marylee of the home; daughters, Suzanne Pogue and husband Don of Ringling; Carol Carnett and Ray Williamson of Cortez, CO; Son, Jim Carnett and wife Cathy of Tulsa; sister, Maxine Grindstaff of Detroit, MI; four grandchildren, Tanya Taylor, Heather Sowards and husband Jeff, Cody Pogue and wife Tara and Jim Ed Pogue and wife Kandy; ten great grandchildren, Kaytlin, Karli, Kamryn, Cole, Anna, Ruthie, Caleb, Drew, Paisly and Blake; numerous other family and friends.

Casket bearers are Don Pogue, Cody Pogue, Jim Ed Pogue, Jeff Sowards, Jim Carnett and Ray Williamson.

Honorary Bearers are Rick Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Charles Pogue and Steve Pybas .

Family visitation will be held from 6-8pm Monday evening at Alexander Funeral Home of Ringling.

In Memory of Ed Carnett, the family asks that donations be made to the Ringling Blue Devil baseball program.

Condolences may be sent online at www.alexanderfuneralhome.org

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