



## Jackie Dean Stripling

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Jackie was raised in Holdenville and attended the Holdenville school system where he was a star athlete. He was a pitching ace and was player of the year in 1968 received All-State honors in baseball, football, and basketball. He pitched the Holdenville Wolverines to two straight state titles. Following graduation from Holdenville High School he attended East Central State College in Ada. However, he did not play college sports since he was already under contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. He played with the Cardinals farm team the Arkansas Travelers based in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1972 he married Marie Ballard of Weleetka while still in Little Rock. They made their home in Seminole, later relocating to Shawnee. She preceded him in death in 1999. His parents, an infant son Eddie Roy, and his brother Mike also died earlier.

Following his baseball days Jackie was employed by the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company as a lineman and retired following some 35 years of service.

Jackie maintained his interest in sports and loved being a basketball referee and he was enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports. He also loved to cook, hunt and fish, pick up pecans, and is remembered as an avid conversationalist.

Survivors include six children: Brett O'Guinn and wife Stephanie of Norfolk, Virginia, Trilbya Stripling Anderson of Seminole, Delaney Stripling of Oklahoma City, Shelia Richardson and husband Wesley of Broken Arrow, Christopher Stripling of Shawnee, and Faith Zackary of Broken Arrow; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, along with several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Seminole with Bro. Ronnie Hunter officiating. Interment will be in the North Fork Cemetery near Clearview under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home of Wetumka and Weleetka.