



Otis Charles Cheadle

March 24, 1934 - January 14, 2016

Otis Charles Cheadle was born March 24, 1934 to O. C. Cheadle and Idella Mae Baucom in Dover, Oklahoma. He was the oldest of two children (Doris Mae) to this union. Idella was later joined in matrimony to Zack Willhoite and from this union his siblings Kenneth Sr., Sharla Kay, Annie, Ronald, William and Helen Ruth were born. Otis also had sibling from Zack's previous marriage as well.

The family resided in Arkansas City for some time and Otis attended Arkansas City Public Schools where he graduated in 1952. Otis was an avid sports fan and was active on the basketball and football teams. After the family moved to Anadarko, Otis worked various jobs including Anadarko's Ford Motor Company to support his family.

He was joined in marriage to Helen Ruth Taylor and from this union three daughters: Terrie (Owens), Jean (Smith) and Lisa (Jackson) were born.

During his marriage. Otis became a baseball official in 1955 and a basketball official in 1961 which spanned numerous years across the state of Oklahoma. Otis was an advocate of education and believed people could better their lives through education. He returned to school at the age of 58 to begin his college career. Otis graduate from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in 1980 with a degree in History and Teaching Certificate. He worked for the Department of Human Services for 15 years before retiring.

Otis was also a faithful member of St. Paul United Methodist Church serving in many different capacities and became a certified Layspeaker with the

Methodist church. Otis loved sports and enjoyed watching his family as well as friends play for the Warriors. He also loved family holidays, going to community programs, church events and visiting with former athletes who remember his officiating.

Otis loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchild. He was blessed to spend his final Christmas visiting with each one of them. He also loved eating Sunday dinner at his sister's house.

He is preceded in death by his Wife Helen Taylor; his Granddaughter, Gordon, both Fathers: O.C. and Zack; his Mother, Idella; his Brother, Kenneth Willhoite Sr.; his Sisters: Sharla Kay Willhoite and Doris Cheadle; Brother-In-Law, Arthur Lyons; Nephew, Keven Cheadle, Sr. and Niece, Rhonda Cheadle.

Those left to cherish his memory: Daughters: Terrie Lynn, Coral Jean (Jerome), Lisa Lorraine; Granddaughter: Apryl Owens, Cortney and Ryanne Gordon, Taelyr Jackson, Mercedes Smith; Grandsons: Charles Gordon and Dante Smith; Great Granddaughter: Arien Hawkins; Brothers: Ronald and William (Bill) Willhoite; Sisters: Annie Lyons and Helen Willhoite, and his beloved Nieces, Great Nieces; Nephews, and Great Nephews.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Cemetery

Anadarko, OK

Previous Events

Service

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
202 West Oklahoma Ave
Anadarko, OK

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Went to college with Otis. He was always smiling and happy. But knew him from town also. Always spoke to me. Am so sorry, I just saw, of his passing. I am so sorry. Please accept my belated condolences and sincere sympathy to the family. I have known you all and my heart is so sad for your great loss. I am so sorry that I did not know until now. I feel so bad. Please accept my sincere apology. My prayers, love, and blessings are with you all. May God continue to bless you.

Sharon Keechi Ahpeahone - April 10, 2016 at 02:32 AM

JJ

“ Otis was a great friend and a role model for me and many people. He always had that smile that made everyone feel good. He called games when I was in school and called for my kids. He will be missed!!!

Jack Jerman - January 26, 2016 at 12:16 PM

KY

“ I love playing basketball games when he was our referee. We all knew if he was on the court the game would be a lot of fun. He will be greatly missed.

Kyle - January 25, 2016 at 06:48 PM

LH

“ Otis was a great man. I so enjoyed watching him ref at Cement School. He will be missed by all the many lives he has touched. Prayers for his family.

Lovetta Pelzer Hurst - January 25, 2016 at 02:59 PM

DJ

“ I first met Otis and Helen while I attended USAO! I haven't seen them in many years! I treasure memories with them as some of the finest friends I have known!

Debby Sharp Johnson



debby johnson - January 25, 2016 at 01:32 PM

EH

“ Ellen Hopgood lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle



Ellen Hopgood - January 25, 2016 at 11:45 AM

MA

“ It's been over 40 years since I played basketball at Rush Springs, but I have never forgotten this man. He was the most caring and fun official. He would explain his calls so that the player could learn from them. This man left a great impression on many people. He set the standard high for all officials.

Mary - January 25, 2016 at 11:28 AM

WD

“ Otis was the referee for many of my basketball games when I was in high school. I always loved his smile and the way he would encourage me when I became frustrated on the court. I can still hear him saying "hang in there 23. You're doing good." Prayers to all his family. Heaven gained another angel today.

Wendi Dinse - January 25, 2016 at 10:40 AM

SW

“ Sharon Wilson lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle



Sharon Wilson - January 25, 2016 at 08:27 AM

JE

“ Otis was one if not THE BEST basketball official we Ever had at Am-Po back in the late 70's early 80's. Loved it when he walked into the gym. Always had a Smile on his face and did the best job! May his life Continue to be a Light for others. 💕

Jeanice Ervin - January 25, 2016 at 08:13 AM

PS

“ Patricia Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle



Patricia Sullivan - January 24, 2016 at 11:33 PM

JD

“ Jacqueline Devereaux lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle



Jacqueline Devereaux - January 24, 2016 at 09:54 PM

JM

“ I am so glad I got to know this man. He was such a joy to visit with. He will be missed dearly!



jackie mcadoo - January 24, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ I remember his smile and loving personality on the basketball court back in the 70's. I always liked it when he was the referee for our games. God bless your family.

Donna Lewallen - January 24, 2016 at 06:10 PM

Sandra Vance

“ OK ladies lets play ball. Still remembering this patient ref who refers my daughter's since 1970's. They still talk about him. RIP Otis



Sandra Vance - January 24, 2016 at 05:28 PM

CP

“ Otis and my husband, Charlie Pendley worked together at Malone Ford many years ago. They became good friends. He and I both thought a lot of him. Great Ump also. He will be missed by all RIP. Condolences to his family.

Charlie,Jan Pendley - January 24, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ He officiated a many a basketball game I played in. Wonderful man. Godspeed Mr. Cheadle.

Shelly Nightingale

Shelly Nightingale - January 24, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ I remember Otis when I was a kid he worked for my dad Jimmy Rogers and Uncle Jack Deason at J&J Ford. He also refereed many of my basketball games. I remember Otis always smiling, he was always positive, and always had a kind word.

My heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Kathy Rogers

Kathy Rogers - January 24, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ Penny Gallagher lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle



Penny Gallagher - January 24, 2016 at 02:53 PM

TO

“ Terry & Ruth (Tustison) Oliphant lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle



Terry & Ruth (Tustison) Oliphant - January 24, 2016 at 02:45 PM

OM

“ I'm from Lookeba-Sickles, played basketball and he Reffed many of our games! He was funny, a good man & Definitely a Great Referee! RIP, YOU WILL BE MISSED!



Orvie Brock McClain - January 24, 2016 at 01:44 PM

VM

“ PLAY BALL LADIES!❤️🏀.Best ever

Vicky Mcpherson - January 24, 2016 at 01:06 PM

CG

“ He was a very good man. And when we played basketball he was our reff at a lot of our games. He will be missed by so many!

cheryle minnick gragg - January 24, 2016 at 01:02 PM

AM

“ *My deepest sympathy to all this family. My memories of Otis come from the basketball court. I played basketball at Oney (1974-1977). I was always glad to see him as our game referee. He was always honest and had a smile.*

Annette Meyers

Annette Meyers - January 24, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Lee Ann Elrod lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle*



Lee Ann Elrod - January 24, 2016 at 08:28 AM



The best ref ever!! Great man!!!

Lee Ann Elrod - January 24, 2016 at 08:29 AM

JS

Rest in peace Otis. Lots of memories made with you.

Jay Sherry - January 25, 2016 at 04:56 PM

DH

“ *So many memories of Otis officiating in his later years. In the younger age group when he made a call he would stop the game in "Otis-style" and take time to explain how to do it the right way.....He was a class act! I will miss him and his infectious smile.*



Dee Haskins - January 24, 2016 at 03:47 AM

VH

“ He was always a blessing to be around. He and I officiated some basketball games together and became forever friends and discovered we were also brothers in Christ. He always made you feel like you were the most important person in the room. Always ask about my wife and family. He will be missed. Wish we all were more like him. I will see him again one day!

Vance Haskins - January 24, 2016 at 01:09 AM

JR

“ James & Teresa Reed lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle



James & Teresa Reed - January 24, 2016 at 12:14 AM

AB

He was my favorite high school basketball referee when I played. A fair man and a great human being. Always enjoyed seeing him around town with that warm smile. Prayers to the family.

Ann Brower - January 24, 2016 at 03:08 PM

CF

“ Had a couple college classes with him and his wife. He was such a great person.

Connie Fulton - January 23, 2016 at 11:18 PM

CS

“ For those that would like to contribute with a financial gift, gifts may be sent to 413 E. Washington, Anadarko, OK 73005... in care of Coral Smith. God Bless!

Coral Jean (Cheadle) Smith - January 23, 2016 at 10:29 PM

JD

“ So very sorry for your loss. He was a good man .

Judy Dodson - January 23, 2016 at 09:59 PM

FE

“ A wonderful patriarch of a great family! You will be missed here. 'Til we meet again.

The Dunn Family: Bob, Geneva; Fran Dunn Evans, Beverly Dunn Kenedy, Robin Dunn and their families.

Fran Dunn Evans - January 23, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ He was always our favorite referee during my years of playing basketball. When he made a call he always made sure he explained why he called what he did, always a smile on his face and a kind word.



Thresa Hicks - January 23, 2016 at 09:20 PM

TM

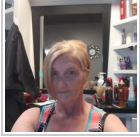
“ Otis and his Helen were dear friends! A wonderful spirit, we will miss his dear smile. But we know he and Helen are together once again!

thresa moser - January 23, 2016 at 09:08 PM

LF

“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family on the passing of your loved one. He loved by many and I know he will be missed..

LaVeda Franklin - January 23, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *Terra Huffine-Dirickson lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle*



Terra Huffine-Dirickson - January 23, 2016 at 08:12 PM

OH

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family of Otis Cheadle. He always had a kind word or would say something that would make you laugh. I will miss him and his humor.*

ozella hightower - January 23, 2016 at 07:35 PM

LH

“ *He was a very energetic and love to be the referee he was always around love ya jean Lisa .
Linda hall Halsey*

linda hall halsey - January 23, 2016 at 07:05 PM

AB

“ *Angelia Blunt lit a candle in memory of Otis Charles Cheadle*



Angelia Blunt - January 22, 2016 at 09:20 PM

AB

Sorry for your lost, praying that God blessing your family with the comfort and peace you need today and the days ahead. Continue to lean on God.

Angelia Blunt - January 22, 2016 at 09:21 PM

DM

“ I never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Cheadle, but I heard some very funny stories about him, and from the posts I've seen from various family members, I believe he was truly loved by his family and many friends. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family, and may you Rest In Peace Mr. Cheadle.

Debbie McCowan - January 21, 2016 at 08:15 AM

AB

“ Asking God to bless you family with Comfort and Peace that you need today and the days ahead.



Angelia Blunt - January 20, 2016 at 12:03 PM