



Ernest George Babek

June 21, 1924 - June 29, 2024

Ernest George Babek passed from this life on June 29, 2024 in Clinton, OK at the age of 100. He was born on June 21, 1924 in Granite, OK to Joe and Anna (Gelnar) Babek. Ernest attended and graduated from Brinkman High School in 1943. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in August 1943. Ernest was sent to gunnery school in Wichita Falls, TX and qualified as a, "sharpshooter." At the age of 19, he was stationed in England, where he was a gunner on a B-24 Bomber. Ernest heroically flew 21 bombing missions over Germany during World War II. He told many stories of his time in the military in great detail. He recalled the long boat ride from the US to England, his experiences on base and being, "just a kid," on his bombing missions. Sergeant Babek was sent back to the US at the end of the war in 1945 after bravely and courageously serving his country. After returning home to the US, he continued farming. Ernest met Bobbie Jo Hatter in Willow, OK while she worked at the drugstore. He visited the drugstore often and she made him a chocolate malt every Sunday. On Valentines Day, February 14, 1950, they married at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mangum, OK. To this union four children were born: Miranda (Randi), Ernest (Bubba), Joe Bob, and Nancy. Ernest and Bobbie built their loving home on Lake Creek Road, north of Granite. He was District 2 Greer County Commissioner from 1982 to 1991, coached Little League baseball going to state three times, and he continued farming until his 90s. Ernest served on the Granite School Board and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mangum, OK.

Many people called him friend, but only a few had the pleasure of calling him, "Totty." Ernest took his grandchildren and great grandchildren camping, taught them how to fish and water ski, ran races with them from the barn to the house, and would serve them a huge bowl of vanilla ice cream whenever he was asked. There will never be another Totty. He enjoyed hosting countless gatherings and holidays at his home, welcoming family and friends to his table. Ernest is survived by his four children: Randi Palmeri of San Antonio, TX, Bubba and Jan Babek of Mangum, OK, Joe Bob and Reita Babek of Edmond, OK, and Nancy Wilson of Hobart, OK. Ernest leaves a legacy of eight grandchildren: Lori Willis of Mangum, OK, Summer Squires and husband Randy of Hobart, OK, Hali Gilbert and husband Terry of Weatherford, OK, TJ Wilson of Hobart, OK, Tony Palmeri of San Antonio, OK, Tyler Babek of Edmond, OK, Giovanni Palmeri of San Antonio, TX, and Joli Rees and husband Matt of Edmond, OK, and ten great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind sisters Agnes Sewell and Dinah Davis, and a host of other relatives and friends. Ernest is preceded in death by his wife Bobbie Babek, parents Joe and Anna Babek, four brothers Leon, Penny, Albert, and Raymond, and two sons-in-law Joe Palmeri and Tommy Wilson.

Memorials in Ernest's name can be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mangum, Oklahoma.

Services for Ernest will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024, 10:00 A.M., Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 409 N Byers Ave, Mangum, OK 73554, with Father Swami officiating.

Public viewing for Ernest will be held Friday, July 5, 2024, from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with family present to receive friends between the hours of 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., People's Funeral Home located at 1400 W Main, Lone Wolf, OK 580-846-9018.

Cemetery Details

Rock Cemetery

3 miles west Hwy 9 1 mile north N1990
Granite, OK 73547

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

People's Funeral Home
1400 W. Main
P.O. Box 146
Lone Wolf, OK 73655
pcfh@sbcglobal.net
<http://peoplescooperatifuneralhome.com>

Family Receiving Friends

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Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
409 N Byers Ave
Mangum, OK 73554-2801
(580) 782-2657

Tribute Wall

GC

“ So very sorry for your family’s loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Galeen Chain - July 07, 2024 at 11:44 AM

CP

“ Class of 1969. Love and prayers. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest George Babek.



Class of 1969. Love and prayers. - July 05, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest George Babek.



July 05, 2024 at 01:02 PM

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“ Class of 1971 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest George Babek.

Class of 1971 - July 05, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ From the first time I met Ernest and Bobbie I wanted to be theirs. There was so much love and acceptance and peace in their home. Ernest was like a magnet for me, he was always positive, teaching and asking questions. He embodied what a Godly man should be according to His word. He is the reason I wanted to live in Oklahoma so badly. When I got the news of his going home to Jesus I just smiled a great big smile! He made it to 100 and then went to be with Jesus and his beautiful Bobbie! They both blessed my life and I am thankful to God for them.

Melody Passmore - July 04, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest George Babek.



July 02, 2024 at 11:59 PM



“ With Love from Squirrel and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ernest George Babek.



With Love from Squirrel and family - July 02, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my heart, thoughts and prayers. ❤️❤️❤️

Mollie Nagel - July 02, 2024 at 08:20 PM

TB

“ *Tressie Barr lit a candle in memory of Ernest George Babek*



Tressie Barr - July 02, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest George Babek.*



July 01, 2024 at 09:54 PM

TJ

“ *Theresa Holick Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest George Babek.*

Theresa Holick Johnson - July 01, 2024 at 09:54 PM

MH

“ *Ernest Babek was a Great husband , Dad , Grandad and friend to All ! He was a very hard working farmer, a great ballplayer, coach and always eager to talk and tell a past story ? He served his Country in the military being air- borne on many dangerous and very cold missions as a gunner ! He loved growing cotton , wheat and alfalfa hay and cattle Always ready and willing to help serve his community however he could ! Love Mike and Janet Hogg !*

Mike and Janet Hogg - July 01, 2024 at 06:36 PM

MH

Wish we had more men in our Country that lived a life patterned after ERNEST BABEK ! MIKE

Mike and Janet Hogg - July 01, 2024 at 06:40 PM

WS

Ernest was a noble, kind, and caring man, straightforward in conversation, with a relaxing demeanor that I always admired. My heartfelt condolences to his family.

Wayne Slama

Wayne Slama - July 03, 2024 at 12:45 PM

TA

Condolences to all the family for your loss 🙏🙏

Teresa Allen - July 03, 2024 at 04:16 PM

TF

Ernest was such a great guy. I never saw him when he wasn't smiling and welcoming. Ernest and Bobbie's door was always open to friends and family. They were loving and kind and usually had something cooking in the kitchen and insisted you sit down and eat with the family. Ernest worked hard and gave much of his time to his community, but he loved to have fun with his family and made time for them. Ernest and Bobbie leave behind a legacy of beautiful memories and what a loving family looks like. Randi, Bubba, Joe Bob, and Nancy, we are so sorry you've lost your sweet daddy...but you will always have the precious memories that will carry on throughout the generations that follow.

Travonna Hatter Wootton and Family - July 06, 2024 at 05:17 PM