



Earl Van Cape

February 26, 1934 - April 18, 2015

Mr. Earl Van Cape

Mr. Earl Van Cape, 81, longtime Bartlesville/Dewey area resident, died at 6:39 P.M. on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center.

Mr. Cape was born at Dalton, Nebraska on February 26, 1934 the son of Robert and Mina (Mauer) Cape. He grew up and received his education at Dalton, Nebraska and graduated from high school there. He then served in the U.S. Army Intelligence Service in the late 1950's until receiving his Honorable Discharge. He returned to Nebraska where he was employed with Burlington Railroad as a railroad agent in Nebraska and then in Wyoming. In 1968 he was employed with Reda Pump in Thermopolis, Wyoming and where he was also active as a volunteer firefighter and served as chief of the volunteer fire department. In 1973 he transferred to Bartlesville with Reda Pump and he retired in 1988 as an industrial engineering technician.

Following his retirement he remained in the Bartlesville area where he returned to his roots and began raising cattle and horses. He was a member of the Antique Tractor Club, loved to fish and enjoyed having coffee with his friends. He was known among his friends and neighbors as the "fix it and go to guy" in the area.

Mr. Cape is survived by his three children, Dennis Cape and his wife T.J. of Forsyth, Montana, Lorena Holland and husband Lynn of Omaha, Nebraska and Shelly Kennedy and husband Ron of Mandeville, Louisiana, two brothers, Jerry Cape of Bradenton, Florida and Kayo Cape of Dalton, Nebraska, three

sisters, Connie Ankeny of Dalton, Nebraska, Sharon Cape of Estes Park, Colorado and Roberta Pierce of Bellevue, Washington, five grandchildren, Justin Cape, Sarah Holland, Rhiannon Holland, Thomas Kennedy and James Kennedy, numerous nieces and nephews and close family friends, the LaSpisa family of Bartlesville. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, John, Charlie, Howard and Martin and two sisters, Gladys Runge and Jean Hall.

Funeral services for Mr. Cape will be held at 10 A.M. on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Dewey United Methodist Church with Rev. Warren Peck officiating. Services are under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends who wish may call for visitation at the Stumpff Funeral Home from 9 A.M. till 9 P.M. on Wednesday and Thursday as the casket will remain closed at the service.

In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make contributions to the Earl Cape Memorial Fund, c/o Dewey FFA Club, One Bulldogger Road, Dewey, Oklahoma, 74029.

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Susan Farghali has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Susan Farghali - April 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear Earl has passed. I worked with him at Reda Pump. He was a great guy.*

Judy Cain Scott - April 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *NSA Bahrain sends our deepest sympathy.*

CAPT David J. Meron - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *My sympathy to the family. I was in the 1952 high school graduating class with Earl. and was proud to have known him. May God give you comfort and peace.*

Evelyn Kraupie - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *My God be with his family during this trying time. You are in our prayers.*

Donnie and Betty Kennedy - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“Earl was a loving grandfather who always took time to teach his grandchildren the art and love of the out-of-doors. He was a hard worker who never tired of helping his neighbors or merely taking time out to visit with friends. With the greatest of ease he managed to touch the lives of so many and leave us all with happy memories of his adventures. The burden of our loss is made less by the lasting memory of Papa, Dad, Earl—a real cowboy.

James Ronald Kennedy - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“As we walk down the pathway of life, we meet many people. Those who we acknowledge with a nod and a smile; those we converse with pleasantly and those who reach out and attach themselves to our heart. Earl was one of the persons who came into your heart and you wouldn't let him go. He was an exceptional person and friend with whom we enjoyed many hours of fun and forty plus years of friendship.

Our love and God's blessings be with his family.

Bill & Carolyn Hoerning - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“I just can't begin to say how you will be missed.

JoAnn White - April 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“The Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends. We hope that everyone shares a favorite memory and that this memorial brings the life experiences shared with Earl to his family and friends.

Stumpff Funeral Home - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM