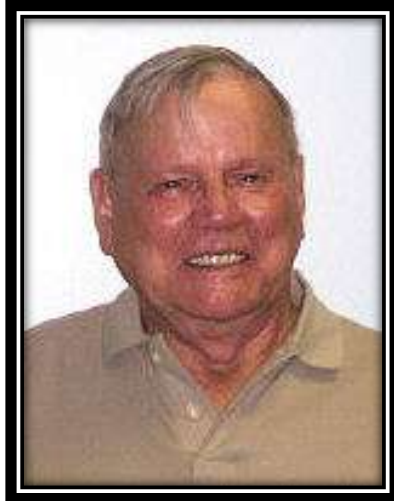


Richard A. Blakeley

1930 - January 8, 2011



Funeral for Richard A. Blakeley, 81, Sun City, Fla., will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2105 NW 38th, Lawton. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m.

Richard passed away Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. Graveside service with military honors will be at 1 p.m. at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Veterans Funeral Care, Clearwater, Fla.

Richard was born in Buffalo, N.Y., to Glen and Henrietta Blakeley. He was an amazing husband, father and friend. He loved people and enjoyed traveling in his RV and watching the Buffalo Bills. He worked for New York

Central Railroad for 10 years becoming vested for retirement. He then enlisted in the Army, where he served for 21 years. His combat duties included Korea and two tours in Vietnam serving in the First Cavalry. He then retired at Fort Sill and remained in Lawton retiring from Goodyear Tire and Rubber. He will always be remembered for having a caring heart and a sense of humor. He loved his country and was a life member of the VFW and DAV. He was also a member of the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 751.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Moore Blakeley; two sisters: Betty Heagerty, Pittsford, N.Y. and Dorothy Kranston, Penn Yan, N.Y.; and six stepchildren from a previous marriage: Jill (Jeff) Emery, Tammy (Kelly) Post, Stockton, Kan.; and Jack, Alvin, Norm and Barbara Goble, all of Lawton. He was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 NE 13th St., Oklahoma City 73104-5097.