

SFC (Ret) Bobby Ray McArdle

October 17, 1933 - May 19, 2009



Funeral for Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Ray McArdle, 75, Indianahoma, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Adam Landley and Chaplain Samuel Craig, Hospice of South West Oklahoma, officiating. Sgt. 1st Class McArdle died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at his home. Burial with military honors will be in Frederick Memorial Cemetery, Frederick.

He was born October 17, 1933, in Dothan, Ala., to Henry Austin and Perline Rony McArdle. He was raised in Dothan and attended Kinsey-Webb and Columbia Schools. He was a contractor with Southwest Contractors and helped build highways in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. On January 16, 1951, he enlisted in the Army and served at Fort Benning, Ga., Wackernheim, Germany and Fort Lewis, Wash. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Era and received the National Defense Service Medal with one OLC, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Combat Medal, Vietnam National Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal with one OLC. He married Georgia Ruth McCollum on December 24, 1955, and they resided in Texas, Washington, Georgia and Alabama before moving to the Indianahoma area in 1991. He retired with the rank of sergeant first class from the Army on December 31, 1971, at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Rene McArdle, of the home; a son, George Jimmy Martin, Grapevine, Texas; two sisters: Nellie Mae Andrews, Dothan, Ala.; and Luverne Giles, Dahlongega, Ga.; two brothers: Nathaniel Francis "Buck" McArdle and John Gerald Francis "Hoover" McArdle, both of Dothan, Ala.; two granddaughters: Marisa McArdle and Amanda Wagner; two grandsons: Brandon Martin and Trevor Martin; three great-granddaughters: Kyler Robinson, Erin Wagner and Lily Wagner; and a great-grandson, Beau Jordan McArdle. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeffery Michael McArdle; and a great-grandson, Logan Cisarik.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southwest Oklahoma, 1930 NW Ferris Suite 5, Lawton, OK 73507.