

Harvey-Douglas Funeral Home & Crematory

George Cronemeyer

(August 23, 1926 - July 27, 2013)

Funeral Services for George Cronemeyer are 2:00 p.m. Friday August 2, 2013 at the Centennial Chapel of Harvey-Douglas Funeral Home. Wayne Anna will preside over funeral proceedings.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.



On July 27, 2013, George Cronemeyer, 86, of Ardmore, Oklahoma went to be with his only love, Recie Cronemeyer, who preceded him into eternal life on January 21, 2007. George's life began in Gallup, New Mexico on August 23, 1926 where he was born and raised. He was a member of the Navajo Nation. He was born to Frances Cronemeyer-Arviso. His maternal clan was the Sleepy Rock People Clan/German Clan. His maternal family includes, mother Frances, brother, Phillip Arviso, sisters, Betty J. Arviso-Boyd, Rosemay T. Arviso-Willetto and step siblings, Emma Arviso-Bigthumb and Leo Arviso, who all preceded George into eternal life. His surviving maternal family are, nephews, Patrick Willetto, Gallup, New Mexico, Duane Willeto, Mexican Springs, New Mexico, John Boyd Jr., Greasewood, Arizona, Darryl Boyd, Breadsprings, New Mexico, nieces: Rosanda Willetto-Yazzie, Coyote Canyon, NM, Regina Willetto, Coyote Canyon, New Mexico, Janine Willetto, Roswell, New Mexico, Lois Boyd, Albuquerque, New Mexico. George had 24 great nephews and nieces and 17 great-great nephews and nieces.

George's family life began when he and Recie McGee were united in holy matrimony on June 8, 1956, at Valliant, Oklahoma. They lived briefly in Wyandotte, Oklahoma before coming to Ardmore, Oklahoma where George became employed at Carter Seminary. Since 1956, George and Recie made Ardmore their home and had 3 children: Donald R. and wife Eldona of Mustang, Oklahoma, Thomas L., of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Susan E. also of Ardmore, Oklahoma. His surviving grandchildren are: Elizabeth H. and husband Jerry Bass of Yukon, Oklahoma, Dawnraanee F. of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Kaitlyn M. of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Makayla J. of Ardmore, Oklahoma; great-grandchildren: Alexis C. of Yukon, Oklahoma, Isaac R. of Mustang, Oklahoma, Randi M. and Noah L. King of Yukon, Oklahoma. In 1997, he had one great granddaughter who preceded him into eternal life, Jordyn Cronemeyer.

George's profession began when he entered the United States Army during World War II in 1944. He served his country in the Pacific Theater against Imperial Japan. He witnessed a part of history with the signing of the Instrument of Surrender in Tokyo Bay, Japan. He was part of the U.S. Army Occupational Forces after the surrender. His decorations and citations include: the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 bronze service star, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Japan clasp, Good Conduct Medal and Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar. He received his Honorable Discharge Technician Fifth Grade in 1946. After the Army, he attended Chilocco Indian Agricultural School to finish his education and to start a trade in Institutional cooking as a baker. His early employments included Sequoyah Vocational School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Wheelock Academy in Millerton, Oklahoma, Seneca Indian School in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, and then to Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Oklahoma where he retired as head cook from the BIA in 1983. He returned to work briefly for the Chickasaw Nation as cook and later for the senior citizens. His life in Ardmore included memberships in St. Mary's Catholic Church and VFW Post 4574. He was best known for his delicious meals he prepared for Carter Seminary students and staff, especially his homemade breads. Every year he would prepare the meal for the Ardmore City Schools JOM Awards Banquet.