



Ronald "Corky" Durbin

April 12, 1927 - April 13, 2015

Ronald Reid "Corky" Durbin was born on April 12, 1927 in Moline, Kansas to Jack W. and Edith "Lynam" Durbin. Corky attended school in Moline.

On September 9, 1944 Ronald was united in marriage to Ella Mae Murphy in Wichita, Kansas. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Marine Corps and served our country for 16 months and was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas. Ronald and Ella Mae had 4 children; Sharon Lee, Ronald Reid Jr., Deanna Sue and Nancy Jolene.

Ronald returned to Moline and worked with his father in ranching and the farming business. Part of his job was milking cows at the south end of Main Street. Later he owned and operated the gas station in west Moline. In the late 1950's, Ronald sold the gas station, he then started a propane and butane gas business. During this time he also owned and operated several oil leases, many in joint venture with other local businessmen. In 1964, he sold the propane business and concentrated his efforts on oil production and ranching. In the early 1990's, he was instrumental in promoting and initiating the Durbin Rock Quarry east of Moline.

Ronald was a charter member of American Legion Post 388. He served a Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and 2 terms as Commander. He conducted well over 100 military graveside services. Corky was a true patriot.

Ronald was elected mayor of Moline for 2 terms. He served as municipal judge, school board member, member of the Watershed Dam Committee. He also served as Vice President of the Moline Rodeo Association for many years. He was an active member of the Moline Flying Club and a member of the Moline HS Alumni Association.

Ronald was preceded in death in 2007 by Ella Mae, his beloved wife of 63 years; his parents and his brothers Gene Durbin and Jack Durbin.

Ronald is survived by his children: Sharon Patteson and husband Tom, Reid Durbin and wife Neta, Deanna Cannon and husband Bill, all of Moline and Nancy Liebau and husband Ken of Grenola. Grandchildren: Cathy Landregan, Wade Patteson, Ronald Reid Durbin III, Denise Spatafore, Robert Durbin, Kristina Pugh, Bill Cannon, Judd Liebau, and Jake Liebau. 20 great-grandchildren, as well as, many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday April 17, 2015, 1:00 p.m. at the Moline United Methodist Church in Moline with burial to follow at Moline Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, KS. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials have been suggested to the Moline United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 388 or Twilight Manor in Howard and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services are entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, Kansas 67349.

Cemetery Details

Moline City Cemetery

Moline, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Moline United Methodist Church
300 N. Plum
Moline, KS 67353

Tribute Wall

DM

“ My thoughts are with the Durbin family today. I know Corky was a good friend of my Dad's and had heard many stories in my youth from their younger days. I was fortunate to hear some of those same stories recently when I had a chance to visit with Corky at the nursing home. He will be missed.

Dave Miller - April 17, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald "Corky" Durbin.



April 16, 2015 at 02:11 PM

CC

“ Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Corky" Durbin



Chip&Nancy Crum - April 15, 2015 at 05:53 PM

MM

“ The family of Mary Murphy & Thomas Kibby of St. Louis Missouri send our prayers and condolence to all of the children and grandchildren of Uncle Corky. My dad, Harry Murphy enjoyed wonderful times of fishing and Kansas sunsets hosted by Corky and Aunt Ella Mae. Wishing you peace and warm memories.

Mary Murphy - April 15, 2015 at 05:12 PM

TM

“ *The Children of Harry & Ruth Murphy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ronald "Corky" Durbin.*



The Children of Harry & Ruth Murphy - April 14, 2015 at 06:49 PM

JK

“ *My prayers are with the Durbin family at this difficult time. Corky was always a gentleman and I enjoyed helping care for him, he will be deeply missed by many.*

Jane (Kill) Koster

Jane Koster - April 14, 2015 at 10:29 AM

RF

“ *Nancy, Kenny & family: Oh what memories I have of your Dad "Corky". By living so close for so many years, I cannot tell you how many times I have been yelled at for playing late night basketball on the Durbin court, and raising cane in the neighborhood. Memories are something that you can cherish forever. We will be praying for you and families during this difficult and trying time. Hope to see you soon. Rodger & Connie Floyd*

Rodger Floyd - April 14, 2015 at 09:36 AM

VC

“ Nancy and Kenny- So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May God wrap his loving arms around you during this difficult time. Thinking of you and uplifting prayers.

Craig and Vicky Chamberlin

Vicky Chamberlin - April 14, 2015 at 08:32 AM

BM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the Durbin family at this time of loss. I am sure we all have fond memories of Corky. I picture him in his truck driving around his lake, wearing his one piece light blue overalls and having "something" to drink in that over-sized coffee mug that made a noise like ice cubes inside. He always had a smile and a belly laugh when he greeted us. Corky flew Ella Mae, my sister Lesa and himself to Madison WI to visit my son in the first weeks after he was born (now 38 years ago). He was an energetic and giving man and will be missed by many.

Brad Murphy

Brad & Roseann Murphy - April 13, 2015 at 07:59 PM

MM

*Dear Cousins,
Uncle Corky is the last of our parent's generation to leave us. I remember he and Aunt Ella Mae flew to Denver to visit. They stayed at a Holiday Inn and talked and talked about how great the buffet was at their hotel! What a fun and lively couple they were, always smiling. Sharon, Reid, Deanna and Nancy, please know we are thinking of you and your families during this time.*

*Love,
Mignon & Dave*

Mignon Murphy - April 14, 2015 at 02:13 PM

FW

Nancy, my heart goes out to you girls and to Reid. Your Father was a good man and I enjoyed many visits with him in the Nursing home. I brought him Candy and Candy Bars, most of the time he would say thanks but have me give them to other residents there. Your Father is in Heaven with your Mother and having a great visit with his dad. I hope to make it to the services but not sure I can.

Frank Winn

Frank Winn - April 14, 2015 at 06:30 PM

MJ

I have very fond memories of Corky and Ella Mae. My first recollection of them was when they lived next door to my Grandma and Grandpa Jacot (J. O. and Martha). I was probably 8 years old and loved it when Sharon and Reid came over to Grandma's. (This was before the others came along.) There are a lot of stories to be told for those days for sure. Corky & Ella Mae added so much to the Moline Community and will always be a part of my Moline memories. Our love and sympathy to all of the family.

Marilyn Jacot-Powers and all of the Jacot family

Marilyn Jacot-Powers - April 15, 2015 at 03:21 PM

JB

Nancy and Kenny -- so sorry to hear about your Dad. My prayers are with you.

Janie Barnard - April 17, 2015 at 07:21 PM