



Asa England

March 31, 1931 - March 15, 2017

Asa Lee England was called home to our Lord on March 15, 2017. Asa Lee asked for no service, so if you would like to send flowers or cards, please donate to the Adopt a Soldier Program in his name. A tribute of Asa Lee's life may be found at www.andersonbethany.com where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Asa Lee was born on March 31, 1931, to Asa Homer England and Jimmia Blanche Greeson in Norman, Oklahoma. He was the second child and eldest son. Asa Lee had a love of horses, cars, old movies and the Odd Fellows Lodge that he was a member of for many years. When he was a teenager, he worked as an usher at the Home Theatre in Oklahoma City and met movie stars such as Katherine Hepburn, Clark Gable and Cary Grant. He even took Elizabeth Taylor to dinner for her sixteenth birthday during the showing of *Black Beauty* and walked Lassie down the main street that the theater was located on. The England family moved to Roswell from Oklahoma in 1949, but Asa Lee didn't care for New Mexico and went back to Oklahoma where he was drafted into the Army for the Korean War. He obtained his GED during basic training in Fort Bliss and then was stationed at Fort Drum in Watertown, NY. There he was a communications clerk during the war. After the Army, Asa Lee came back to Roswell, NM. He loved his horse, Brutus, and was an accomplished horseman, winning many ribbons and trophies showing his horse. He worked for Santa Fe Railroad in Vaughn, before becoming a clerk for Western Union. Working at Western Union is where he found his true love

and light of his life, Linda Sue Gullion. They married March 21, 1965, and had their only child, Ayesha Lynn Murphy, in 1969. In 1972, while living in White Roc, NM, Asa Lee started his career as a Chevron station owner and mechanic. He owned two different Chevron stations in Roswell, one on West 2nd and the other on the corner of Main and Mescalero. After selling the stations, he went to work for McIntire Oil as the office manager and bookkeeper. He planned on retiring early, but ended up going to work for J.W. Jones and Sons Mechanical Contracting as a part time bookkeeper for another 15 years before finally retiring. He was an Odd Fellow and a Rebekah for over 30 years. His love of the Lodge kept it running until there were no members left other than him, and turned the Chapter Title over to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Ayesha Lynn Murphy of Roswell; granddaughters: Tara Leigh Kurtz of Roswell and Tabitha Ann Kurtz of Tucson, AZ; his great-granddaughter, Abigale Rose Brewton; his sister, Donna Groseclose of Roswell; his brothers: Ben England of Canute, OK, John England of Pagosa Springs, CO and Kenneth England of Abilene, TX; and many nieces and nephews.

Asa Lee was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Sue England; his sister, Dorothy Smith; his parents: Asa Homer and Jimmia England; and his grandson, Nikki Lee Kurtz.

Tribute Wall



“ *Asa England*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I was very sad to hear of Asa's passing. My sister Sue, who still lives in Roswell, sent me the wonderful write up in the Roswell paper. I went to middle and high school in Roswell from 1960 - 1965, and currently live in Oklahoma City. I started riding and showing horses with my step-sister, Suzanne Norton Jones, and got to know Asa through showing horses. I remember we were in El Paso at a show one time, and Asa asked me (allowed me was more like it) to show Brutus in several open jumper classes, and we did very well. I cannot remember why Asa did not show Brutus, however Asa may have had a temporary injury. I know Asa loved that horse as did anyone who watched him at horseshows. After moving away from Roswell, I lost contact with Asa, however I have many great memories of riding with him in Roswell and showing with him at various shows. He was certainly a blessed man, as were all who came in contact with him. Rest in Peace Asa.*

Gene McElvaney

Gene McElvaney - April 10, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ *Teena Shelton lit a candle in memory of Asa England*



Teena Shelton - March 26, 2017 at 09:49 PM

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“ I met Asa through the Rebekah lodge and came to consider him a good friend. He lived the oddfellows organization. He took care of the lodge and was always there for help and guidance. My condolences and love to Ayesha, Tara, and Tabitha.



Vianna Steffens - March 19, 2017 at 12:58 PM