

# The Life Of Eugene

## IN THE BEGINNING

Eugene Tucker was born December 24, 1930, in Ardmore, Oklahoma, to Ezekiel and Ora (White) Tucker. His father died when Eugene was 3 years old. His mother raised the children alone until her marriage to Pat Gill. His mother died of pneumonia in 1970, and his stepfather died of a heart attack in 1957. His four siblings: Hershell Gill, Ernest Tucker, Anna Tucker and Eddie Gill, Sr. preceded him in death.

## **EDUCATION**

Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dunbar Elementary School

Douglass High School

11th grade joined the United States Navy

"I had no reason to join the Navy - I just did."

"They were taking us at a young age."

#### Barber School

"I learned to cut hair for the boys."

"In all of their younger pictures, I was the only one to cut their hair."

# Metro Technology

"Karl wanted to learn how to make cabinets."

"I attended night classes with Karl to make sure that he went to school."

"I made a pantry, and Karl made a table."

# **EMPLOYMENT**

United States Navy (9 years)

Navy Boot Camp

"A lot of guys got tattoos, but I didn't - I was afraid of needles!"

"Itraveled the world: France, Italy, Greece, and Nova Scotia." Aircraft Carrier "I did various jobs." - Retired 1957

Tinker Air Force Base (30 years)

"I did a lot of jobs, can't remember them all." Retired 1987 Northeast Academy (12 years)

Tucker's Nursery (35 years)

"Whatever Myrna needed me to do, I did it."

#### **FAVORITE TEAMS**

Oklahoma City Thunder "I like OSU football and basketball."

## RELIGION

Child: Joined the Methodist Church.

"I was sprinkled with holy water for baptism."

Adult: Joined Tabitha Baptist Church.

"I was baptized in holy water."

Joined Tabernacle Baptist Church.

### **MARRIAGE**

June 2, 1958, married his sweetheart, Myrna Loy Rolinson. Married 54 years, "We Understood Each Other." The Lord called Myrna Tucker home on September 15, 2012.

## **CHILDREN**

Robert, Karl and Gregory, "THE TUCKER BOYS"

"I was excited when my boys were born!"

"I love all three of my boys!"

"I wanted Robert to have my name." Robert "Eugene" Tucker "Our boys called us by our names because we did not believe in nicknames. They needed to know what our names were in case of an emergency."

# Children's Special Memories

"Myrna did most of the discipline for the boys. She said that I didn't know how."

"I did give Robert and Greg a couple of licks for fighting."

"I liked for the boys to look nice and go to school clean."

"We all went shopping together for their suits, but Myrna dressed the boys."

The Lord called Gregory Tucker home on August 19, 2013.

# IN THE END

The Lord called Eugene Tucker home after an extended illness. He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Robert (Karen) and Karl (Dora), both of Oklahoma City; thirteen grandchildren, great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Laverne Sanders and Ada (Charles) Johnson, both of Ardmore, Oklahoma; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.