

Pallbearers

Reggie Littleton • Mitchell Littleton • Barry Littleton
Miles Littleton • Conner Littleton • Gregory Hudspeth

Honorary Pallbearers

Charles McAfee • Irving "Butch" Kelly • Daryl Littleton



Final Resting Place

Lakeview Funeral Home & Cemetery
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Celebrating and Honoring the Life of **CLEOPHUS "Cleo" LITTLETON**

SUNRISE: December 31, 1932

SUNSET: May 31, 2026





Cleophus Littleton—husband, father, grandfather, and friend—was a trailblazing athlete, veteran, and respected businessman who entered into rest on May 31, 2026. Known as "Cleo" to the public, "Dad" to his children, and "Pop" or "Papa" to his grandchildren, he leaves behind a legacy of excellence that spanned nearly a century in the city he called home.

Cleo was born on New Year's Eve, 1932, in Rentiesville, Oklahoma, to Nelson and Lillie Mae (Gilkey) Littleton. In 1935, the Littleton family moved to Wichita, where Cleo would eventually become one of the city's most celebrated figures. It was here that he met and married the love of his life, Eloise. Together, they shared nearly 60 years of a beautiful marriage before her passing.

Cleo was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eloise. He is survived by their four children: Reggie Littleton (Nancy), Robyn Littleton-O'Connor, Mitchell Littleton (Regina), and Barry Littleton; as well as his five grandchildren: Miles, Minta, Taylor, Conner, and Peyton; and multiple great-grandchildren.

Growing up alongside his four siblings, Cleo's natural athletic gift was evident early on. He attended Wichita East High School, where he was a standout star in both track and basketball. His contributions to the school's athletic history were so significant that he was later inducted into the Wichita East High School Hall of Fame.

In 1951, Cleo enrolled at the University of Wichita (now Wichita State University). It was here that he established a lasting and historic legacy. Over a four-year career (1951-1955), Cleo became a basketball icon, amassing a staggering 2,164 points—a record that stands to this day as the all-time career scoring high in Wichita State history. His jersey remains a permanent fixture in the rafters of Koch Arena, serving as a reminder of his skill, determination, and the barriers he broke as a pioneer in the sport.

Following his historic collegiate career, Cleo answered the call to serve his country. He entered active duty in the United States Army, serving honorably as a Second Lieutenant in 1957.

Upon returning to civilian life, he and his wife, Eloise, dedicated themselves to raising their children. A man of great discipline and vision, Cleo owned and operated multiple successful businesses throughout the years, contributing significantly to the local economy and character of the Wichita community.

Cleo was a foundational part of his children and grandchildren's lives—always showing up, traveling near and far to sports games and major milestones, and serving as a constant source of strength they could always rely on and trust. These are moments they will never forget, and they hold him in their hearts with the utmost love and respect.

As we prepare to lay Cleo to rest, we invite the community to join us in honoring his enduring legacy, remembering the profound impact he made, and holding his memory close with enduring love and admiration.

The Littleton family sincerely appreciates the continuous love, support, and shared memories from the community as we celebrate the extraordinary life of a man who gave so much to so many.

Memorial Services

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 • Time: 11:00 AM

**University United Methodist Church
2220 N. Yale Ave. | Wichita, KS 67220**

Officiating: Pastor Allen Gilkey



Order of Service

Processional

Greeting

Musical Selection

The Invocation

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Time of Remembrance: Barry Littleton

Life Tribute: The Littleton Family

Musical Selection

Message of Hope

Recessional

**Please use headlights as you follow the procession to Lakeview Cemetery*