

Merrill “Mac” Dean McBride, Sr., 93, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, passed away on August 19, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born on July 20, 1933, to Carl and Margaret (McGuire) McBride in Colby, Kansas. Mac attended high school in Maryville, Missouri, graduating in 1952. He worked at the Shawnee Mill before becoming a sheet metal mechanic at Tinker Air Force Base, where he retired in 1988. He was extremely proud of his military service with the United States Air Force. Mac loved working outside in the yard, tinkering in his workshop, and going fishing. He also enjoyed looking for things with his metal detector, bird watching and cheering for the Thunder. Some of his favorite memories were watching the Sooners and teasing his wife, Bettye, about her beloved Dallas Cowboys. He was especially proud of all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he loved so dearly. Mac is survived by his daughters, Marilyn Newton (husband, Daryl Newton) and Neesie Smith; daughter-in-law, Terrie McBride; grandchildren, Cindy Evans, Chris McBride, Tara Shoemaker (husband, Jeff Shoemaker), Megan Harris (husband, Matt Harris), Jacob Lackey (wife, Tiffany), Ashley Newton, Shelby Corpus (husband, Tynan Corpus), and Conner Newton; great-grandchildren, Austin Evans, (baby) Ashley Shoemaker, Jordan Evans, Bryant Evans, Aaron Shoemaker (wife, Shelby Shoemaker), Katelynn Boyd, Maria Harris, Ricky Harris, Cailyn Wooten, Abbyegail Wooten, Case Lackey, Jaxson Wooten, Lynnlee Lackey, Blaklee Millsap, and Madison Corpus; four great-great-grandchildren; and several cousins, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Margaret McBride; sister, Margie Harris; twin brother, Darrell McBride; brothers, Bill, Roland, and Keith McBride; son, Merrill Dean McBride, Jr.; daughter, Marlene Annette Cearley; his first wife, Mary Ann (Neal); and his second wife, Bettye Louise (Poe).

***In Loving Memory of  
Merrill “Mac” McBride Sr.***



***July 20, 1933***

***August 19, 2026***

## ***Footprints***

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonged to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of prints, it was then that I carried you."



## ***Merrill "Mac" McBride Sr.***

### ***Funeral Service***

*Friday, August 28, 2026*

*Ten O'clock in the Morning*

*Riley-Walker Funeral Chapel*

*Shawnee, Oklahoma*

### ***Officiating***

*Pastor Gary Nickerson*

### ***Service Music***

*"Amazing Grace", —*

*"How Great Thou Art", —*

### ***Casketbearers***

*Daryl Newton*

*Conner Newton*

*Jeff Shoemaker*

*Ty Corpus*

*Chris McBride*

*Jacob Lackey*

### ***Honorary Casketbearers***

*Austin Evans*

*Jordan Evans*

*Aaron Shoemaker*

*Bryant Evans*

*Jaxson Wooten*

*Ricky Harris*

*Case Lackey*