

Melvin "Mel" Richard Aloway, 90, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2026. He was born on November 30, 1935, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, to Charlie and Vida Aloway.

Mel graduated from Shawnee High School in 1953 and, following graduation, proudly served his country in the United States Army for two years. Throughout his life, he built a respected career in construction, teaching, and estimating. He owned his own construction company, later served as Department Head for Construction Technology at OSU Institute of Technology, and also worked as an estimator for Boeing.

Mel was deeply involved in his community through his service with the Lions Club and enjoyed the friendships and fellowship it brought into his life. He also cherished time spent enjoying lake life at Lake Eufaula and relaxing along the beaches of Galveston, places that brought him peace and happiness throughout the years.

Above all, Mel was a devoted family man. He shared over 70 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Jo. Together they built a life centered on hard work, love, and family.

Mel is survived by his daughter, Tonya Reeder of Livingston, Tennessee; son, Keith Aloway and wife Nancy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and son, Steven Aloway and wife Cindy of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; grandchildren: Twyla Whited and husband Billy of Monroe, Tennessee, Brandon Wood and wife Pam of Monroe, Tennessee, Ben Reeder of Monroe, Tennessee, Adam Aloway and wife Nicole of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Lisa Aloway of Shawnee, Oklahoma, James Aloway of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Austin Aloway of Littleton, Colorado, and Jace Aloway and wife Hannah of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; 13 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Pat Gaddert and Janet Brooks; and his brother, Jimmy Aloway.

He deeply loved his extended family of nieces and nephews, who brought him much joy throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Vida Aloway; his wife, Jo Aloway; his sisters, Lil Hale Peltier, Charlene Means, Betty Cato, and Billy Jo Kemp; and his nephews, Chuck Sweeden, Britt Sweeden, Greg Burnett, Glenn Kemp, John Hale and Richard Kemp.

Mel will be remembered for his strong work ethic, dedication to education and construction, love for his family, and the kindness and wisdom he shared with those around him. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the family he loved so dearly.



Celebrating the life of



Melvin Richard Aloway

November 30, 1935

May 22, 2026

Romans 8:38-39

*For I am convinced that neither death
nor life, neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor
any powers, neither height nor depth, nor
anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God that is
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Melvin Richard Aloway

Date of Birth

*November 30, 1935
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Entered Into Rest

*May 22, 2026
Glenpool, Oklahoma*

Funeral Ceremony

*Friday, May 29, 2026
Two O'clock in the Afternoon
Walker Funeral Chapel
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Officiant

Pastor Ken Kerbo

Burial

*Wanette Cemetery
Wanette, Oklahoma*

Military Honors

The United States Army