

Clayton H. Eads passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 15, 2026 to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Clayton was born March 5, 1944, in Shawnee, OK to Clayton "Happy" Eads and Lena Pearl (Barnes) Eads.

At 11 years of age, Clayton accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior and became a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. During high school, he met his future wife, Judy Shelton, at a Rock Creek Baptist Church event, and on March 23, 1968, they were married there. He served in the US Army Reserve from 1963 to 1969. Later, they welcomed their first daughter, Melissa, and then their daughter, Melanie. They raised their family and were devoted members at Rock Creek Baptist Church.

Clayton developed a strong work ethic beginning in his youth. From delivering for a local drugstore to working in retail for Romberg's Clothing Store and Shawnee Western Wear, customer service was always at the top of his mind.

In 1973, he started building custom homes in the South Rock Creek and surrounding areas. He became a certified home builder and his business practices were rooted in quality, honesty, trust, and integrity. His work frequently led him to build for repeat customers and even for multiple generations within the same family - a testament to the trust he earned. He took great pride in the expertise and relationships he built with his customers and subcontractor teams. Additionally, he enjoyed land development and building storage facilities. As a father to two daughters, he found himself doing all sorts of fun, new things and was still able to pass down his love of the outdoors, cars, and sports. He also instilled a love for traveling, road trips, and adventure.

He deeply loved his family and invested wholeheartedly in time with them, no matter the occasion, from sports to dance recitals. He showed up faithfully to support his children and grandchildren. As a long-term OU season ticket holder, he was thrilled to watch his oldest granddaughter participate on the field, shooting the guns, or riding on the schooner. He loved traveling to all parts of the world and often took these trips when the winter months came, while business was slower. He enjoyed taking his annual hunting trips with friends and family and even shot his last elk this past October.

He continually sought knowledge and met each challenge with enthusiasm. He also enjoyed farming, ranching and cultivating crops. Clayton valued personal relationships and invested in the community he loved and raised his family in.

As a forward thinker, he was so honored to be a part of the Canadian Valley Electric Board of Trustees since 1978. He took pride in representing his district to ensure that the service would improve life and serve the community. He proudly served on various boards throughout his career, including the Shawnee Excise Board, the Shawnee Economical Development Board, and was a proud friend to Oklahoma Baptist University.

Those left to carry on his legacy are his wife of 57 years, Judy Shelton Eads of the home, his daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa & Brian Mahaffey of Shawnee, OK and Melanie & Jon Arnett of Shawnee, OK, his grandchildren: Abigail Mahaffey of Norman, OK, Allyson Mahaffey of Norman, OK, Kimrey Arnett of Edmond, OK, Jayce Arnett of Edmond, OK, Emma Kaye and Myla Arnett of Shawnee, OK, his brother, Clinton "Gene" Eads of Victoria, TX and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Cricket and Donn Romberg.

Clayton will be remembered as a mentor and a lifelong inspiration to family and friends.



In Loving Memory Of Clayton H. Eads



March 5, 1944
February 15, 2026

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.*

I turned my back and left it all.

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your heart, and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3 KJV

Memorial Donations May be Made to
St. Jude Children's Hospital or
The American Heart Association

Clayton H. Eads

Funeral Ceremony

*Friday, February 20, 2026
Two O'clock in the Afternoon
Rock Creek Baptist Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Officiant

Brother Ted Darling

Musical Selections

"Because He Lives"

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Pianist & Soloist ~ Jason Henson

"On Eagle's Wings"

"How Great Thou Art"

Final Resting Place

*Resthaven Memorial Park
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Casketbearers

<i>Brian Mahaffey</i>	<i>Josh Trimble</i>
<i>Jayce Arnett</i>	<i>Kendall Hall</i>
<i>Jimmy Carter</i>	<i>Tom Young</i>
<i>Jon Arnett</i>	<i>Yates Adcock</i>

Honorary Casketbearers

<i>Dick Ninness</i>	<i>George Hand</i>	<i>Larry Carpenter</i>
<i>Donnie Mikish</i>	<i>Jackie Barton</i>	<i>Matt Goodson</i>
<i>Dr. RM Kamath</i>	<i>Johnny Barnes</i>	<i>Roy Shelton</i>
<i>Gary Mikish</i>	<i>JP "Doc" Duvall</i>	<i>Tony Barnes</i>
<i>Gene Eads</i>	<i>Kenneth Barnes</i>	