



## Oliver Lee "Ollie" Law

November 16, 1928 - January 16, 2018

Bluefield, WV- Oliver Lee "Ollie" Law, 89, of Bluefield, WV, went to be with his Lord and Savior, on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. He was at home with family. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family, the youngest of 7 siblings, born to the late Charles T. and Hattie Mae Foster Law, on November 16, 1928.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by daughter Karen Faye Law Wyatt, brothers Emmett, Charles, and James "Jimmie" Law, and by sisters Alice Travis, Ruth Bertok, and Geneva MacDerment. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 67 years, Sue Law (Elizabeth Susan Martin), by son David Martin Law of Cleveland, TN; daughter Amy Lee Law of Bluefield, WV; son John Charles Law (Jody) of Warsaw, Poland; granddaughters Davina (Jason) Marraccini of Roswell, GA, and Mallory Ann Law of Marietta, GA; great grandchildren Zara and Roman Marraccini of Roswell, GA, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

One of his favorite writings is attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson about the definition of success. "To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty. To find the best in others; to give one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exaltation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived-this is to have

succeeded." Ollie felt that these basic principles enabled him to thoroughly enjoy his life to the utmost.

Ollie graduated from Beaver High School in 1947, then enlisted in the US Army. In 1949, after his honorable discharge from the Army, he attended Emory and Henry College. He was on the 1949 football team that played in the Burley Bowl and the original Tangerine Bowl. After college, Ollie went to work at Bluefield Supply Company, where he met his future wife, Sue.

In 1953, Ollie went to work for the United States Post Office Department. He retired in 1984 as a letter carrier. He always felt that this was the job that the Lord wanted him to have, because it gave him many opportunities to witness and speak of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ollie loved Bluefield, the Bluefield Beavers, baseball at Bowen Field, and the West Virginia Mountaineers. If you were passing through Bluefield, and you spoke with Ollie, he would make sure you knew all the things this community had to offer. If you didn't know anything about Bluefield before you spoke with him, you sure knew everything about it after your conversation with Ollie. He was so proud of this area, its people, and its history.

Ollie also felt it was important to be a part of your community, and to contribute wherever you could. He served on the boards for the City of Bluefield Board of Directors, East River Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Bluefield YMCA. He was past President/board member for: the Greater Bluefield Federal Employee Credit Union, the Golden Age Club, the Bluefield Lions Clubs, and was a member of the Bluefield Elks B.P.O.E. Lodge 269. He volunteered for the Cub Scout Troop, the American Cancer Society, and the Literacy Volunteers of America. He helped in the construction of the Yakkity Yak playground and a Habitat for Humanity house. He coached boys basketball in the Bluefield City Recreational League, boy's high school basketball and men's softball in the Bluefield Church League. Ollie was encouraged by his wife Sue to join the Senior Bowling League at the age of 70. He was a member of only two churches throughout his entire lifetime, First Baptist Church and Edgemont in Bluefield. He taught Sunday School, was a

Deacon, and sang in the choir for almost 20 years. He bowled until about 3 weeks ago, when he hung up his bowling shoes for the last time.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Friday evening, January 19, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday January 20, 2018 from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Ed Fisher officiating.

Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701 or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or online at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Oliver Lee "Ollie" Law.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mercer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Oliver Lee "Ollie" Law*



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**Mercer Funeral Home** - January 19, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ *Oliver Lee "Ollie" Law*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathies to the Law Family as I know Ollie will be so very missed. His lifelong service to his community, and to whoever crossed his path ,is a living tribute to his legacy. It has been nearly 30 years since I have lived in Bluefield, but one of my fondest memories is of seeing Ollie take his daily walk along College Ave. He and his wife were always a wonderful presence at the softball games played at the Bluefield City Park, always supporting Amy and well, all of us... Sending hugs across the miles*

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**Kathy Bruch** - February 04, 2018 at 12:46 PM

SC

“ *Our Lord works in mysterious ways!!!  
For some reason I was thinking about my days spent in West Virginia so I looked up Bluefield News and was both sad & comforted by the recent journey of Ollie Law. I was close friends with his daughter, Amy while attending college in Athens, W. Va.  
The Law family shared their home with me one summer and Ollie always had a smile and a kind word to share. One favorite memory was making homemade ice cream in their back yard.  
Peace be with you all, family & community, during this time of transition and celebration of Ollie's eternal life!*

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**Siobhan Cantwell-Papello** - January 27, 2018 at 10:34 PM

DF

“ *I no longer receive a Bluefield Daily Telegraph so I'm just now finding out about Ollie's passing. Ollie was a fine man and very personable. Certainly enjoyed his time at Edgemont where he coached our softball team for a number of years. During that period, his son, John, made perhaps one of the best plays, during the State Church League Championship held at the Bluefield City Park, that I have ever witnessed....an unassisted triple play (Edgemont beat the team that day but they went on in the losers bracket to win the tournament). Ollie always had a kind word to share and was always interested in others. It was also a common occurrence for Ollie, when parting, to give a "thumbs up". Well, my friend, here's one right back at ya! Say hello to Karen and my dad while you're at it. My best to the family.....he will be missed.*

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**Derrick Felts** - January 24, 2018 at 10:26 PM

MA

“ Amy, and Family, Blair and I were sorry to hear about your dad. Always remembered him as our mailman for many years. Whenever he would see my parents or myself we would always chit chat about a lot of things going on in Blfd. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this sad time. He always remembered our address on Frederick st as our mailman..  
Love Mary (Francis) Armbrister and Blair

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**mary armbrister** - January 24, 2018 at 06:51 AM

SW

“ Ollie will be missed greatly. He was always smiling and always had a great outlook on each day. I am so happy that I got to know him. I will miss seeing and talking to him at Foodcity. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sue and the rest of your family!

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**Sandy Walker** - January 20, 2018 at 09:27 PM

NL

“ Blessed to have had to opportunity of getting to know such a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Nickie Lawson*

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**Nickie Thompson Lawson** - January 20, 2018 at 06:43 PM

DR

“ Ollie was a wonderful man and a great friend to many. Ollie delivered our mail and I can remember him eating lunch in our kitchen when the weather was snowy and cold. He always shared a smile and his love for Jesus. He has left a deep foot print in our hearts and our community. With love Debbi Mattox Romano and Peter Romano.

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**Debbi Romano** - January 19, 2018 at 08:17 PM

GS

“ So sorry for your loss David, Amy, and family. I have such fond memories of your father and the many conversations with him. What a great man he was and I know he will be greatly missed. My prayers for peace and comfort to you all. Gary Spry.

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**Gary Spry** - January 19, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oliver Lee "Ollie" Law.



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January 19, 2018 at 07:40 AM

PT

“ It has been 38 years ago, since I became a niece- in- law of uncle Ollie, after I've married his own nephew, Roger Lee Travis. I've learned from my late sweet mother-in-law, Mary Alice Law Travis, one of his deceased sisters, that we had the same birthday, He was good in remembering my birthday, because it was also his birthday. Most of the time, he sent me birthday greetings by card every year, before I could send him one. He inserted some clippings about happenings & developments from Bluefield, WV, all the time, because my husband was born in Bluefield. He wanted him to be informed always of some things about his birthplace. I did not know that my birthday card from him last year, was going to be the last. We'll certainly miss him for being good & nice to us, ever since we've known each other, even if I'm just a naturalized citizen from the Philippines, & became connected in their nice family by marriage. Our sincere thanks to you, uncle Ollie for everything. May you rest in peace with the good Lord. We won't forget your reminders for us to love God above all things.-- Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. From: Roger Lee & Preciosa C. Travis

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**Precious Travis** - January 18, 2018 at 05:54 PM

MZ

“ Mr Law was a fixture in our community. I'll remember always seeing him walking his postal route. Those that knew him were lucky. He was a fine example of what humanity truly is. He was the type of man that a young man, growing up in Bluefield, could look up to and admire. He always had a smile on his face and a kind way about him. He was a great basketball coach for us, too when we were young. Some of the things he taught us I've passed on to youngsters that I've coached over the years. I'm sorry to hear he's no longer with us, but I can bet wherever he is, he's making someone's day brighter.

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**Mark Zachwieja** - January 18, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Oliver Lee Law, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Army Veteran, Oliver Lee Law, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - January 18, 2018 at 07:24 AM

MS

“ *Ollie was a part of my bowling team up until about three weeks ago. He was a very special person and I was blessed to have known him. He always had the sweetest smile and even on the days he didn't feel good he would just smile and keep bowling and never complained. I miss hearing him always say "Knock them down Mary" every time I got up to bowl. He loved life and talked about how he loved the Lord. We lost a sweet friend but Heaven gained a sweet angel. I will miss him. God bless his wife and family.*

*Mary Sheppard*

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**Mary Sheppard** - January 17, 2018 at 11:43 PM

BW

“ I remember Ollie from Edgemont growing up and then later on as our unofficial “Mayor” sitting on the front row in the bleachers at every Beaver game. Always with a smile and an encouraging word. I hope he and my Dad are having great conversation and a few laughs in Heaven - the world was definitely a better place because Ollie was in it! Love and prayers to your family!

*Beverly Austin Weslowski*

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**Beverly Austin Weslowski** - January 17, 2018 at 10:50 PM

FC

“ David, I remember your father well from my youth. I remember a brilliant smile & laugh that made you want to spend as much time with him as possible. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.  
*Frank Carter*

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**Frank Carter** - January 17, 2018 at 08:37 PM

MG

*I loved Ollie so much. He was also my last Uncle on my mother's side. He was 4 years old when his daddy died, and my daddy and Ollie became very close at that time. I was born the next year and I grew up with Ollie at our home as much as he was his own home. He loved tagging after daddy. I was in Elementry while he was in Jr High at the same school. I never understood football, but I always tried to be at his games when he was in Jr. High. He had graduated from High school by the time I got there. Time passed, he went in the army, later married. I left Bluefield when I was 19 and went in the Navy, and later also married. It has been so many years since I have seen him. I live in Florida now, but I will always remember this wonderful man. He always had a smile and an encouraging word for all he met. He loved the Lord and always delighted in telling others of his blessed Saviour. I can just imagine that beautiful reunion in heaven with his 3 brothers and 3 sisters and his mom and Dad. "Mary Lou Gilbert"*

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**Mary Lou Gilbert** - January 18, 2018 at 08:11 PM

GS

*My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Ollie's family. I fondly remember him coaching our Whitethorn basketball team. Our entire family thought a lot of him, and he knew everyone in our family with all the different routes he did during his postal career in the Bluefield area. He will be missed.*

*Greg Spry Roanoke, VA*

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**Greg Spry** - January 20, 2018 at 10:19 AM

PS

*Ollie was one of the sweetest men I've ever known. I had the great pleasure of going to church with him at Edgemont. He always had a smile. God be with you his precious family, you Dad was really loved and respected. Phyllis Shumate*

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**Phyllis Shumate** - January 25, 2018 at 08:00 PM