

Edward Cochran | 1927-2016

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Edward “Benton” Cochran, 89, of Lane, Okla., died Friday, Oct. 21, 2016, in Lane.

Service is 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Lane Baptist Church with the Rev. John Howard officiating. Brown’s Funeral Service in Atoka, Okla., is handling arrangements. Honorary pallbearers are his Sunday school class: Doyle Sheffield, Clyde Frost, Richard Betts, Sam Hearrell, Larry Sheffield, Robert Foran, Jessie Goodson, Jerry Stephens, Charles Roberson and Dan Stubblefield.

Benton was born Oct. 16, 1927, in McAlester, Okla., to Robert and Etha Beatrice (Donaldson) Cochran. He attended Harmony Elementary, graduated from Atoka High School and then attended Oklahoma Christian University. He was a welder fabricator. He also worked on electronics. Benton was a “fix-it” and one of the best engineers and fabricators known.

Benton married Virgie Yarbrough, who preceded him in death May 23, 1971. He later married Gerri Moore, who preceded him in death June 6, 2002. He married Bonnie Louise (Drinkard) Riley Jan. 24, 2010, at Lane Baptist Church.

Benton was a member of Lane Baptist Church and Lane Senior Citizens. He enjoyed inventing, building anything and helping others. Benton loved attending and going to church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Virgie Yarbrough; wife Gerri Moore; and granddaughter Susan Smith. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Riley Cochran of Lane; daughters Nancy Smith of Midwest City, Okla., Jennifer Defenbaugh and husband, Danny, of Kemp and Linda Pease of Claremore, Okla.; sons Wes Cochran and wife, Tressa, of Harrah, Okla., and Danny Cochran and wife, Sherri, of Lane; stepson James Riley and wife, Cassandra, of Lane; nephews Doss Phillips and Delbert Gibbs, both of Texas; niece Gina Gibbs of Texas; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins and friends.