

# First Sgt. (Retired) Larry Stokes

Funeral Mass for retired First Sgt. Larry Stokes, 72, Lawton, will be at noon Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Philip Seeton, pastor, officiating and Deacon David Bunch and Deacon Mike Romaka assisting.

Stokes died Monday, May 27, 2013, in a local care center following a short illness.

Burial with full military honors will be at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.

Wake service was at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home chapel.

Stokes was born Oct. 18, 1940, in Jefferson City, Mo., to Tony and Lillian Price Stokes. He was raised in Jefferson City, where he graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1958. He married Mickey Eveler on Dec. 26, 1959, in Jefferson City. He entered the U.S. Army on Aug. 25, 1959. He served as a military policeman at posts in Virginia, Alaska, Kansas, Vietnam, Germany and Oklahoma. He retired as a first sergeant at Fort Sill on Aug. 31, 1979. After retirement from the military, he worked for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and later at Reynolds Army Community Hospital, Logistics Division, from which he retired in 1998. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Debby Stokes, Tuttle; one daughter and son-in-law, Connie Stokes and retired Col. Glenn Starnes, College Station, Texas; one granddaughter; Hailey Starnes, College Station, three sisters-in-law: Billye Olson, Fort Worth, Texas; Sister Joretta Eveler, Jefferson City; and Joretta Forck and her husband Joseph, Jefferson City; one brother-in-law and his wife, Tom and Melba Eveler, Humble, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and twin brother, Garry.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church Building Fund, 1010, NW 82nd Street, Lawton 73505. An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com)