

Silas McKinney, Jr, a resident of Broken Bow, served in the US Army from 1968 to 1975, achieving the rank of Sergeant. McKinney was a member of the 1st Infantry Division nicknamed "The Big Red One." He experienced multiple combat engagements in Vietnam. He said the most significant was the TET Offensive, one of the largest military campaigns for the Vietnam War.

McKinney was awarded two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars with Valor, the Air Medal and a Combat Infantry Badge.

McKinney was selected as the Choctaw Nation Veteran of the Month in November of 2021.

Obituary

Silas McKinney Jr, age 73, of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, died Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. He was born on Sunday, September 26, 1948 to Silas John, and Eriss McKinney, in Idabel Oklahoma. Silas was a member of Myrtlewood Baptist Church in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. He loved nothing more than being able to spend time with his family; and going to his grandchildren's, and great grandchildren's sporting events. He loved golden oldies music, and always rooted for the Dallas Cowboys and Oklahoma Sooners. Silas worked as an auto body repair technician, until he retired from Bill's Body Shop. He was a veteran of The United States Army and served in the Vietnam war where he was awarded The Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, and National Defense Medal. Silas was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Allison McKinney; one son, Silas "Sonny" McKinney; two grandsons, Bradley McKinney and James McKinney; one sister, Suzanne Shomo; one brother, Cyrus McKinney, his grandmothers, Georgie Brandy and Mulsey McKinney. He is survived by his wife, Betty Shomo McKinney of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; son, John McKinney of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; daughters, Joey McKinney of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and Lisa McKinney of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; brothers, Gwen and wife, Ruth McKinney, of Paris, Texas, Gary Johnson of Idabel, Oklahoma; his sister, Gay and her husband, Stan Shomo of Durant, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. at the Brumley Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Bow, Oklahoma with Brother Stanley Shomo officiating. Interment will follow at the Myrtlewood Baptist Church Cemetery in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Wake service will be Sunday, December 5, 2021, from 2-4 P.M. at the Brumley Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are entrusted to Brumley Funeral Home in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Pallbearers will be Casey McKinney, Kyle McKinney, Cory McKinney, Jamelle Walker, Tyler McKinney and Cole McKinney. Honorary Pallbearers will be John McKinney, Robert

Shomo, Jimmy Shomo, Masyn Williston, and David Shomo. Online Guestbook: www.brumleyfuneralhome.com Serving Our Community One Family at a Time... Click this link to view additional details about Silas's Services: <https://my.gather.app/remember/silas-mckinney-2021>