



## J.D. Masters

July 2, 1930 - August 8, 2023

J.D. Masters of Stratford, Oklahoma was born July 2, 1930 on an 80 acre farm near Asher, Oklahoma to John D. and Myrtle (McPhearson) Masters. J.D. transitioned from this life early Tuesday morning in Sulphur, Oklahoma on August 8, 2023 at the age of 93 years 1 month and 6 days. He started school in Asher in the Cooper grade school and graduated from Stratford High School with the class of 1946 being the youngest in his class. At the age of 18, J.D. found a job with C&W construction Co. He was assigned to work in Heavener, Ok. where he met Kathryn Pilkington, at a local cafe. Only after 2 months, J.D. and Kathryn married in Van Buren, Arkansas on July 25, 1949. Two years later, their daughter Teresa was born. J.D. and Kathryn set their forever roots in Stratford.

December 26, 1956, J.D. and Kathryn purchased a small store from his dad and mom. J.D. and Kathryn invested 67 years in the business. In addition to running the store J.D. enjoyed his cattle operation. In 2005, J.D. considered cutting his store hours from 16 a day to 12 hours a day seven days a week. J.D. thought retirement was an 80 hour work week. One of his best moments in life was when both granddaughters graduated from East Central University. J.D. found the people of Stratford to be the biggest assets, when in times of trouble, there is always someone around to help you. He has done his share of helping Stratford families by providing food and gas for families facing financial hardships during his 67 years of business. J.D. and Kathryn were selected in 2002 as Blue Cross and Blue Shield ageless hero's for healthy

aging role models as Business Champions serving the Stratford community. Also he served on the Stratford Board of Education during Teresa's High school days. He was kind and gentle and loved his family with all he had.

Preceded by; his parents, John and Myrtle Masters, wife Kathryn, and granddaughter Meredith Marquard.

Brother, John T. Masters Jr. and sisters Wilma Wood and Hester Wise.

Left to carry on; Daughter Teresa Marquard & husband Bill  
Granddaughter, Meresa Ann Clark & husband Josh  
two great-grandchildren, Carson & Addison Owens all of Stratford, Oklahoma.  
Brother-in-law Mick Pilkington & wife Kathy of Heavener, OK.  
A host of nieces and nephews many friends and business acquaintances.

Visitation; will be Thursday August 10, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in  
DeArman Funeral Home Stratford.

Services; will be 10:00 AM Friday August 11, 2023 in the Free Will Baptist  
Church Stratford, Oklahoma.

Officiating; Rev. Lewis Perry.

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.D. Masters*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Enjoyed the photos. This is like a piece of Stratford passed away. May God peace and comfort.*

**Arlene Cottrell Mink** - August 11, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *36 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**DeArman Funeral Home** - August 10, 2023 at 12:14 PM



*Very special man and family. Lots of good memories.*

**Jan Harper** - August 10, 2023 at 02:14 PM

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*We moved to Stratford in 1962. My mom bought groceries at their store. Over time, they all became great friends. Their daughter, Teresa was in my grade in school. We also became friends. They had a great sense of humor and worked long hours, 7 days a week! I don't remember ever hearing them complain about it. One of my favorite memories is a reply that JD made to me. Cordially, I asked if he was doing ok. With a twinkle in his eyes he pertly replied, "not yet!"*

*He was over 90 at that time. I laughed out loud. Several times!! Not yet? He was still trying!*

*I guess we all better try harder to be ok! :).*

*He will be missed by many!*

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**Arhonda Luman** - August 10, 2023 at 05:30 PM

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*“ I have some wonderful memories spending time in their home when Teresa and I were kids. He was a fun loving father that made us all feel welcome.*

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**Lou Patton Sherman** - August 10, 2023 at 09:31 AM

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*“ This was the kindest, humble loving guy!! He was a treasure to Stratford and a host of Stratford youngsters.*

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**Connie Blackburn Furrh** - August 09, 2023 at 09:08 PM

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*“ Kent And Shari Harris lit a candle in memory of J.D. Masters*



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**Kent and Shari Harris** - August 09, 2023 at 11:57 AM



*Prayers, we so enjoyed talking to him when we saw him. Kent and Shari.*

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**Kent and Shari Harris** - August 09, 2023 at 11:59 AM