



Verlan Wayne Harrell

April 26, 1934 - January 21, 2020

Verlan Wayne Harrell, 85 of Norman, Oklahoma Passed away on January 21, 2020. He was born April 26, 1934 the first of four children to the late Burnell and Irene (Sill) Harrell. Verlan was raised in Gage, Oklahoma where he graduated from high school and went on to earn his BS of Geology from The University of Oklahoma in 1959. Verlan loved his family, the University Of Oklahoma and the oil and gas industry. He was a major champion of OU serving as a University of Oklahoma Foundation Trustee for 31 years and continuing as a Trustee Emeritus. He was an OU Energy Center Founder as well as a member of the Quarter Century Club. Verlan operated as President of the Sarkeys Foundation, which donated the Sarkeys Fitness Center and contributed to OU College of Law. His passion for flying began at 15 when he received his pilot's license prior to his driver's license and ultimately lead him to join the ROTC Air Force at OU. Verlan had a long and successful career operating many oil and gas companies working up until his final days. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Kay (Knowles) Harrell. He is survived by his two daughters Sherry Sherrow, and husband Dave, of Raleigh, NC and Angela Josephs, of Dallas, TX and 5 granddaughters, Hayden (Sherrow) Sullivan, and husband Sean, Lynley Sherrow, Lauryn Harrell; and is survived by his sister, Carol Beasley, and late husband Max Hartwell Beasley, Jr, and brother, Terry Harrell, and wife Anetta. He will be greatly missed by his beloved daughters, granddaughters, and family friends.

Memorial service will be held Monday, January 27, 2020 from 1pm at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church located at 419 S University BLVD, Norman, OK 73069

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to Verlan Harrell Endowment Fund, C/O OU Foundation: PO Box 258856 Oklahoma City, OK 73125-8856

Burial will be 1:00 PM Tuesday January 28, 2020 in Dubolt cemetery, Arnett, OK.

Tribute Wall



“ *Verlan Wayne Harrell*

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