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Charles Laverne Crews, born November 24th, 1926 and passed away February 11th, 2018 at age 91. Charles Laverne Crews was a son born to Robert Lincoln Crews and Thelma Gertrude Bloodough Crews. Charles Crews was a brother preceded in death by older brothers Robert Shelby Crews and Ronald Eugene Crews and survived by youngest brother Joe Pendergraft. Charles Crews was a member of the United States Navy and signed up the morning after graduating from high school. He served on a Destroyer Escort in the South Pacific during World War II and was extremely proud of his service. Charles Crews was a husband and married Betty Dean Musselman on January 23rd, 1948. They spent 58 wonderful years together until Betty predeceased him on February 10th, 2007. Charles Crews graduated from Rose Polytechnic Institute, an engineering school in Terre Haute, Indiana with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1952. Twenty two years later he graduated from Tulsa University with a Masters in Engineering Management. His kids called him a slow learner. Charles Crews was a father survived by daughter Holly Adrian and husband Darrell, and son Marc Crews and wife Doris. Charlie Crews was a grandfather survived by grandsons Kevin Adrian and wife Jenn, Ryan Charles Pickett and wife Kristin, Ryan David Adrian and wife Shalane, and granddaughters Lauren Schierloh and husband Joel, and Jessica Crews. Charlie Crews was a great grandfather survived by Elyse Adrian, Kailey Chinsethagid, Brennan Pickett, Morgan and Paige Adrian, and Cooper Schierloh. Charlie Crews was an Engineer starting his career with the Missouri State Highway Department. He worked for 28 years for Rockwell International before retiring in 1982 and then started Crews Engineering, his own engineering consultanting company. Charlie Crews served in every church he belonged to including the Neosho First Christian Church, Harvard Avenue Christian Church, First Christian Church of Broken Arrow, and First Christian Church of Tulsa. He served willingly as Deacon, Elder, Teacher,



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Youth Sponsor, as well as all board positions including Board Chairman. Charlie Crews was a lifelong traveler and he and Betty took the family on trips covering most of the United States plus a trip to Europe. Later in life Charlie and Betty traveled extensively enjoying many excursions with close friends and especially with his brother Joe and late wife Aline. Charlie Crews loved to dance. Early in the Neosho years he and Betty were members of a square dance group and later in Tulsa were members of a square dance and round dance club. The queued round dances became their favorites and he studied and practiced diligently to make them perfect. Charlie Crews loved the game of golf. Like most things he did he became a student of the game and read and studied everything he could find. He and son in law Darrell, good friend Harold Langdon, and grandson Ryan Charles spent many weekends on the course while the girls shopped. Charlie Crews was a carpenter and craftsman. He inherited many of his skills and tools from his dad, who was a carpenter by trade, and Charlie could be counted on to help with any woodworking or home improvement project. Coupled with his engineering background these projects sometimes became very complicated processes with Marc always suggesting simpler solutions. Typically, Charlie's plan was of course the right path and each project turned out beautifully. Charlie Crews loved Scotch. After several medical complications his Dr. limited him to one glass a week, but thankfully allowed a glass of wine at other times. Charlie Crews loved chicken fried steaks with mashed potatoes and gravy. If it was on the menu he would order it. Charlie Crews loved nice clothes and on occasion even dressed in a tux. Charlie Crews found a best friend in Della Davidson and quickly created a new blended family with Della and her children and extended family. He looked forward to and cherished every new family gathering. Charlie Crews moved to Inverness Village in 2012 and immediately became active in several committees. Charlie Crews rarely, if ever, met a stranger and had countless friends because he was a friend to everyone. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Inverness Village Benevolent Fund, 3800 W. 71st St. So., Tulsa, OK. 74132 OR First Christian Church, 2602 S. Elm Place, Broken Arrow, OK 74012 The Memorial Service will be held, Saturday, February 17th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.



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at Inverness Village “Founders Hall” (3800 WEST 71ST STREET SOUTH, Tulsa, OK 74132) with reception to follow.



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AW

Anita Gordy-Watkins posted:

I was so saddened to hear of Charlie's death. He worked with us at OSUIT 30 years ago and I have never forgotten he and Betty. They were indeed truly a unique couple, so kind, fun-loving and full of life.

March 27 at 6:05 PM

SR

Seth Roecker posted:

Simply known to us as "Uncle Charlie" as we grew up and also in our adult lives, he was always held in our utmost esteem from being with him. Words will never be able to describe his person because he was indeed that wonderful. I know I shall miss him always and deeply but remain blessed for having lived with him in my life.

February 15 at 8:59 AM

JO

Jean Olsen posted:

Charlie was a sweetheart. Quiet, with a sparkle in his smiling eyes. A kind, gentle man. I'm glad I got to know him. He will be missed.

February 14 at 2:25 PM



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Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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