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Robert Joseph Hensley Robert Joseph Hensley, Sr., lived a full and blessed life with no regrets. He was born October 3, 1929 and passed away on March 7, 2015 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bob married his high school sweetheart Wanda Lee Christenberry, also from Tulsa, on August 8th, 1948. Their sixty-five year marriage produced three children, Robert Joseph, Jr., (spouse Nadine), Ronald Lee (spouse Barbara), and Dawna Gayle Nicholson (spouse Scott); six grandchildren, Summer, Christopher, Matthew, Kyle, Jessica, Holly and great grand children Grant and Seth. Bob was the second child of Jessie Mae Vick and Ora Jewell Hensley. Surviving siblings include Dorothy (Lancaster), Howard, Louise (Hylla) and Helen (Polichetti). John Edward Hensley and Virginia (Feliciello) preceded Bob in death. Bob and Wanda both graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1947. He earned Bachelor of Science (1961) and Master of Science (1970) degrees in Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University. He became a registered professional engineer in Oklahoma in 1965. In 1971, Bob attained a Master Mason of the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Bob was president of the Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Association and The American Society of Civil Engineers. Bob had a strong work ethic that began on the dairy farm with his brothers and sisters milking cows. His first job was starting single engine propeller prop planes at Brown Municipal Airport. He worked for Midwest Marble and Carthage Marble as a marble mason for over ten years. Bob also worked as a hydrologic engineer for the US Army Corps of Engineers. He welcomed all three of his children into starting his new businesses of Arjay Engineering and Rangeline Field Services, which Bob owned for over three decades. He was a registered land surveyor, a professional civil engineer, a utility, grading, and paving contractor for over 30 years. He was raised and worked on the Hensley dairy farm in Osage County. Bob often professed to be just a shy young country boy. His tastes were simple but his life was grand. He loved the music of



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Patsy Cline, Jimmy Rogers, and Bob Wills. Bob and Wanda Square Danced for many years, and later in life they traveled all over the world, taking their children and grandchildren on many cruises. Bob enjoyed golf, fishing, and served as a Boy Scout Master leader. Not someone to second guess a decision or dwell in the past too long, he always looked to the future and did what was best for his family and friends. Bob loved Tulsa and Oklahoma. He lived the principles of Will Rogers that epitomized his outlook on life. Bob's favorite quote of Will was, "I never met a man I didn't like". That was Bob Hensley's life long creed. A man of integrity, he never judged another person, and always made them feel at home. Bob cherished his wife, his children, and grandchildren. Flowers may be sent to Floral Haven Funeral Home or donations in his name may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Oklahoma Chapter at 2448 E. 81st St, Suite 3000, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74137 (918.392.5007). There will be a public visitation on Wednesday, March 11th from 4-6 p.m. at Floral Haven. The funeral will be held at Floral Haven Chapel in Broken Arrow on March 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.



Tribute Wall

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Robert Jr posted:

This is an eulogy presented at the funeral of Bob Hensley on March 12, 2015."Good afternoon dear family and friends of Bob and Wanda, and the Hensley Family Clan. On behalf of my brother and sister we thank you for being here today to honour and respect our father. There are so many people who were kind and supportive during Dad's long difficult challenging journey with Alzheimer's, especially my brother and sister, their spouses, and grandchildren who helped so often. Yet, there are two that deserve special recognition today. First, is Uncle Howard. These two men share a special bond of brotherhood. Each had a different journey in life but also had common threads. One was an electrical engineer, one a civil engineer. They milked cows together, they worked on marble jobs throughout the Midwest, they along with Pete Christenberry ran a Skelly Service Station in Stillwater, they went to Oklahoma State University together, and both had successful engineering careers. Their paths parted as each raised their families and their jobs keep them busy. However, when Dad entered Montereau, Howard's visits increased in frequency, first monthly, then weekly, then near the end daily. Seldom will you witness such brotherly love. Thank you Uncle Howard. Second, is our mother. It goes without saying anything about the relationship between our mother and father. They had two diametrically opposed personalities. Yet, their love was as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar. Life threw them many challenges and trials and tribulations. Early on it was financial ones as they traveled as gypsies from one marble job to another and then going to college as 28 year old parents of three children. They own the record for packing and moving to the greatest number of houses for a couple in Tulsa in a lifetime. Then there were health challenges: cancer struck a granddaughter, a son, a son-in-law, his father and many more, including Dad's mother Jessie who suffered his same fate. On each occasion they rose to the challenge with Dad's leadership and Mom's love and their abiding faith. However, their roles reversed when Dad entered Montereau. Mom stepped up to the plate, took charge, and visited him daily. Her love and devotion was unwavering. The cruise queen politely declined trips and vacations to be with her beloved Bob. During the final months of his life she would sleep in his room at Montereau every night for weeks. The staff affectionately called her Wanda Lee or Miss Wanda, a few referred to them as the Love Rooster and Love Chick. Their love was self-evident in his final days as Mom was the only person he always remembered. She held his hand, she told him how much she loved him, she referred to him as her baby, and they would kiss each other. Seldom will you witness such love between a man and a woman. Thank you Mom. In my father's house, there are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. Bob Hensley has left his earthly mansion, and now is free of the pain and at peace in a new mansion. His legacy as a good man remains. His example of how to live a good life stands strong. I suspect however, that he has already begun planning on how to improve his new mansion. Maybe a better road or a stronger roof or even a marble entryway. And I would guarantee you that it would be not only a better place to live but also one with a better life for those living there. God bless you Hense, and safe travels on your new journey". Robert J Hensley Jr.

March 18 at 2:59 PM



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HP

Helen Polichetti posted:

My brother, Bob Hensley, was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed. Since I live out of state, I have good memories of when my family and I visited, and Bob and Wanda would invite us to the lake and Bob loved to take us out in their boat which we enjoyed so much. He really enjoyed life and people so much. May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, Helen Polichetti

March 13 at 9:21 AM

BR

Bob Richardson posted:

Bob was a client and friend for over 40 years. He was a gentleman and one of the most pleasant, considerate men I have ever known. He will be missed by many. Bob Richardson

March 12 at 8:52 AM

KH

Kyle Hensley posted:

-Robert Joseph Hensley, my father's father, the Legacy- Born and raised on a Dairy farm, Bob was no stranger to hard work. His success story reads like the American Dream. He left that farm when he was old enough to make his way in the world, and make his

March 12 at 8:06 AM

JE

Jessica posted:

Our Dad passed away on March 7th. His pain is gone, he is at peace now. The world lost a good man in every sense of what is really important in being a good human being and a male role model. He was supportive, kind, gentle, but also very strong. He guided us to make our own decisions in life, not what he wanted or thought might be best for us but supported us in our path in life – never once judging us. Here is a toast to the best man, husband, father, grandfather in life that I ever knew. Love and light. Robert

March 10 at 5:32 AM



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RH

Ron Hensley posted:

I remember when I was a little boy and didn't like going to the barber, Dad would cut my hair. I remember when I was playing baseball, Dad was my coach. I remember when I was in boy scouts, Dad was a scout master. I remember Dad gave me my second job helping him survey, I was only 16 years old. Dad gave me the opportunity to work summers and weekends while I was in college. Dad gave me the opportunity to learn from him, his business ethic, professionalism, and life lessons were the best education a son could ever have. Dad was always there for me and helped me become the man I am today. I will always be thankful to have had him as my Dad, he will forever remain in my heart. Ronald Lee Hensley

March 9 at 5:41 PM

MC

Mark A. Carr posted:

To : The Hensley Family For us, a good friend to our family and a good man to all. From : The Carr Family Mark, Tish, Sarah, Brent, Damon, Miles, Hannah, Mike, and Harrison.

March 9 at 3:44 PM

JE

Jessica posted:

He was a precious man, a daughter could have asked for there wasn't better man as a father than he. He never let me down one time and loved us all so equally. He never backed down from a difficult challenge that was thrown his way during his life and he had many. He even fought the Alzheimer's the last 8 years of his life as best as a man could do. It was hard to watch the smartest man I've ever met come to not know who you are. But he told me he knew that Christ was his Lord an savior and I know he is celebrating in heaven with those that have gone before him, no more tears or pain and we will see each other again and will know me once again. Dawna Hensley Nicholson

March 9 at 10:56 AM

KW

Karen Waymire posted:

Aunt Wanda, Bobby, Ronnie and Dawna, I was so sad to hear that Uncle Bob had passed away. He was always there to lend a hand, but preferred to stay in the background and let everyone else shine. He was an inspiration to so many of us. Karen Waymire

March 9 at 4:39 AM



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Jessica posted:

My grandpa Robert Joseph Hensley passed away this morning. This man was an amazing, devoted, hard working, fun and loving; son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather! Our Lord blessed his family and friends daily with him in our lives. You are sooooo loved Papa and will be missed! Jessica Kaufman (grand daughter)

March 9 at 4:17 AM

JE

Jessica posted:

Yesterday my family lost my grandpa to his long battle with Alzheimer's. He gave all of his children and grandchildren amazing amounts of love, wonderful life experiences, told the best stories, was the true example of what a father, grandfather and a husband was supposed to be and was truly one of my life inspirations. I would not be who I am today without him. And I am grateful to God that I got to be his first grand baby!! I love you Pappa Summer Gengenbach

March 9 at 4:15 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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