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John Walter Barham passed away on December 22, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He would have been 80 on December 21, 2013. A gathering to celebrate his life will be at 12:30 P.M. on Monday, December 30, 2013 at the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel. John Walter Barham was born in Haskell, Oklahoma in 1933. He attended Central High School and graduated from Oklahoma State University. He went on to complete his masters' degree at Iowa State University. He began his career as a Physical Education teacher and eventually became an Assistant Principal. He was active in Toastmasters. He is survived by two sisters, Bonnie Hassler and Kathleen Price, two nieces, Hilary Gill and Caroline Hassler, one nephew, Daniel Doyle and four grand nieces, Stephanie Allers, Rebecca Hassler, Joanna Rae Alphonse-Doyle, and Danielle Paul-Doyle.



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KL

Kemp Lewis posted:

I remember Mr. Barharm fondly going back to his days at Nimitz Jr. Hi. when he was a gym instructor and I was a hooligan kid. Mr. Barharm was truly liked by all who knew him.

January 12 at 4:51 PM

DP

Debbie Pinkerton posted:

I have known John for about 6 years. Some ladies and I play Mah Johgg on Tuesday and sometimes Thursday afternoons at the Sumatra coffee shop at 42nd and Peoria. The atmosphere there is a lot like "Cheers" without the beer. John usually stopped by for a drink or sandwich every day. We always had a great conversation. He was a big part of what made the place seem so comfortable and friendly. Yvonne Rayner (the owner) is in England with her family visiting relatives for Christmas and does not return till next week. I know she was as shocked as the rest of us to hear of John's death. Several of us came to the funeral but didn't speak. It was so nice to hear how well liked John was. The Mah Jongg ladies thought the world of him. He will be greatly missed. Debbie Pinkerton

December 31 at 7:03 AM

RW

Roberta White posted:

John's generosity gave him a tenacious hold on the doctrine of restitution as taught in the Bible. He loved that restoration to Eden conditions offered to every man, woman and child the bounty of God's gifts. This love, like God's, gave him a lovable quality. That he couldn't bear thoughts that some would be slighted is a shining example of his image of God. As a young man he helped his father run a firewood business that paid for all 3 children's college. That determination to meet life on life's terms will always be a beacon in a dark place. Coupled with his magnanimity in giving, it leaves a refreshment, even now. His excruciating honesty that many found sometimes discomfiting gave birth to a trust in me, for him. He never broke that trust. I hope to keep it in my mind and heart. Goodbye, friend, brother in God's family. Roberta White, MS

December 29 at 7:43 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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