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Long-time Tulsa resident Jerry Roberts passed away November 14, 2011, after a lengthy illness. A memorial service will be held at Floral Haven on Monday, November 21st, at 3:00 p.m. Jerry was born in Hastings, Nebraska, April 22, 1926, to Eva Dodson. Roberts, a homemaker, and Gerald Albert 'Dutch' Roberts, a locomotive engineer. The family moved to Lincoln during Jerry's senior year in high school. Like many of his classmates, he entered the military at an early age during World War II. After completing Army officer's training, he was assigned to an intelligence-gathering unit, serving first in France and eventually in Japan during the reconstruction following the war. Jerry graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Business Administration degree. He trained with the FBI in Washington, D.C. and worked for a time in Chicago as an investigator. He relocated to Tulsa to be near several cousins and his friends, George and Bonnie Truka, who both grew up in Hastings. Jerry was recalled during the Korean War, serving in the Air Force, until being discharged at Tinker Air Force Base in 1952. He worked as an insurance agent until he retired in 2001. He liked nothing better than coffee breaks with his fellow agents and friends. Jerry was active in the Porsche Club (Warbonnet Region), University of Nebraska Alumni association, and the Oklahoma Chapter of the Nebraska Cornhuskers Club. He was a 32 degree and a 50 year member of the Masons. Family surviving Jerry include his wife Beth, and her son Joseph A. Smalley, his wife Lucy, and children, Jay, Hal, and Arabella, of Tunbridge Well, Kent, United Kingdom; and her daughter Sarah Ledford, her husband Kenny, and daughter, Georgia, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Relatives in Tulsa include: Doris Dodson, Mike, Amy, Jake, and Sam Dodson, Steve, Stone, and Wythe Dodson; Bert, Mark, and Jonathan Berry, and Bonnie Munson. Others are Diane, Bill, and Tayler Mitchell, Denver, Colorado, and Lou Larkin, Tustin, California. Special friends and classmates at the University of Nebraska are Harve White, Wichita, Kansas, and Bill Blue,



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Lincoln, Nebraska. Appreciation is given to Cheryl Evans, Barbie Beaver, and Florence White and John for their loving care of Jerry. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests consideration of donations to Saint Francis Hospice and Clarehouse. Online condolences may be left at www.floralhaven.com



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DB

Donald E Boyd posted:

BETH, TAKE CARE. USED TO SEE YOU AND JERRY AT LUBY'S. HAVE FOND MEMORIES FROM THE PORSCHE CLUB OF JERRY. DON BOYD

November 22 at 4:17 PM

CT

Cathey Thorpe posted:

Jerry was one of the kindest agents for whom I ever worked. His sense of humor knew no bounds and I always enjoyed spending time in his office. He was a precious person and I've never forgotten his kindness and consideration. Job well done, Mr. Roberts!

November 21 at 12:38 PM

DM

Diane Mitchell posted:

Beth, Sara and Joel am so sorry to hear about Jerry. I know he is not suffering but he will be missed. What a wonderful generous man he was. I know my Dad has missed their Wednesday phone calls. I am sorry I can't be there but we will be sending our love and prayers. Love Diane ,Bill and Tayler

November 19 at 11:58 AM

ER

Elisa Rochford posted:

Beth, Joe and Sarah: I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I have fond memories of breakfasts in Tulsa with him and his friends, and discussions in front of the TV at the house near Jenks. I am thinking of you all. -Elisa

November 16 at 11:28 AM

MS

Melinda Sims posted:

Sarah – I am sorry for the loss in your family and my thoughts are with you. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. My condolences, Melinda Sims Seminole State College

November 16 at 10:11 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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