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Bill Van Meter was born March 19, 1933 in Bartlesville Oklahoma to Claude and Essie Van Meter. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Charlene, and three children: Greg Van Meter of Houston, Shonda Van Meter of Tulsa, and Michele Millard of Denver. Bill had seven grandchildren: Scott, Chase, Taylor, Zach, Shane, Kelly and Ryan, and four great grandchildren: Ty, Grayson, Alyssa and Preston. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings. Bill will be fondly remembered for his love of his family. He was dedicated to looking after each and every member, and remained in close contact with his family throughout his life and during his retirement. Bill will also be greatly missed by his beloved yorkies Jazzy and Tedi. After graduating high school from Bartlesville Central High, Bill began his college years at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado. He finished up at OU in 1955, where he received a degree in Petroleum Engineering. This would be the beginning of a lifelong affection for all things OU, particularly football. Bill was a former player himself, and was a dedicated supporter. After college he also served more than three years in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. Bill had a long and respected career as an oil and gas industry executive. After receiving his degree, Bill joined Carter Oil Company in Seminole, Oklahoma, followed by many technical and management assignments for Exxon USA and Esso Middle East. He was President of Natomas International, Inc., in Jakarta, Indonesia, as well as President of Natomas North America, Inc. in San Francisco. He was co-founder and CEO of Murexco Petroleum in Dallas Texas. Most recently, before his retirement in 1997, he served as President of Energy Companies of ONEOK. He also served on several board of directors of energy companies and banks. He was a longtime member of the Tulsa Men's Club, as well as a member of the American Petroleum Institute Twenty Five Year Club, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, and the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. Bill also enjoyed playing golf and was a past member of the



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Oaks County Club and Cedar Ridge Golf Club. Along with his wife Charlene, Bill was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tulsa. A celebration of his life will be held Wednesday, April 20th, at 10 a.m. at Floral Haven in Broken Arrow. In lieu of flowers, the Van Meter family asks that friends and family donate to the charity of their choice.



Tribute Wall

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WF

Woody D Fowler posted:

Charlene,I just learned of the passing of Bill from S E Heiss. (7/29/11) Heiss and I have been writing to each other through Ancestors.com. I am so sorry to hear of your loss.My wife Jane and are are living in Cherrylog, GA. I would love to hear from you via email. It has been a lot of years.Our best to you and your family.Woody & Jane Fowler

July 29 at 7:27 PM

HW

Howard & Alyce Ann Wagner posted:

Dear Charlene and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You, Love, Alyce & Howard

April 21 at 11:23 AM

BL

Ben Lockman posted:

Charlene, I am so sorry for you and Your Fality's loss. You and Bill seem to have had a very interesting and long marrage. I wish only the best for You. May you see many more sunsets. With Love, Ben

April 21 at 8:22 AM

WB

Watie Bell & Virginia Dawson Bell posted:

Gone but not forgotten..... College High School classmates of 1951

April 20 at 2:31 PM

BR

Bill And Shirley Rosko posted:

Dear Charlene and Family, We are so sorry to hear of the death of a dear cousin.I (Shirley) am the daughter of his uncle and aunt Ralph and Oral Thompson.Bill was always such a special cousin with his fun laugh and kindness.We, and the rest of the Thompson family, will miss him very much.May God be with you and comfort you.Bill and Shirley Rosko

April 20 at 1:46 PM



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SS

Sheila Shilling posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

April 20 at 9:18 AM

WW

Weldon Watson posted:

So sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He was a wonderful guy. I worked with him at ONEOK and always enjoyed him as a friend. He was wise, thoughtful and had a great sense of humor. I made several financial trips with him to New York City. He will be greatly missed. My sympathy to all members of the family.

April 19 at 4:40 PM

BW

Billy Jean Robinson Wantland posted:

Dear Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and Dad. Although we have never met, I talked with Bill a couple of times when Aunt Essie lived here in Tulsa. I am the daughter of Bill and Jantie Rae Robinson, my grandmother was Mae Thompson Robinson. I remember when I was a young girl, Aunt Essie and Aunt Mary coming to visit my grandparents. Grandma John always looked forward to her sisters visits. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow. Billy Robinson Wantland

April 19 at 12:10 PM

DS

Darrell & Shelia Sellers posted:

Shonda So sad to hear of your Father's passing, as you know I just lost my Mother this past December. It is a hard thing to go through – I pray that God will hold you in the palm of his hand as you make the journey in the days ahead. May the memories you made with your Father sustain you in the days ahead. We send our condolences to your entire family from our entire family – Darrell & Shelia Sellers Sean & Julie Sellers Brittany, Tanner & Lexie Sellers

April 19 at 11:10 AM



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Judith Green posted:

To the Van Meter Family: Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. It is my prayer that God's word, the Bible, may help to ease your grief. While on earth more than 1900 years ago, Jesus gave proof that with God's power, those who have passed away in death can live again. By his miracles, Jesus showed on a small scale what will take place on earth under the Kingdom of God. So may the Bible account at John 11:11-44 along with Jesus' words regarding the resurrection bring a measure of comfort to all of you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Judith Green City of Lakewood Lakewood, Colorado

April 18 at 5:03 PM



Robin Van Meter posted:

I can see it now, my dad is scratching his head and your patting your belly as you two have a good ole conversation! Love you, we'll see each other again. Robin

April 18 at 7:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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