



Elmer L. Hemphill

June 24, 1935 - February 7, 2016

Elmer Leon Hemphill was born June 24, 1935 to Elzie & Marvel Hemphill on a farm near Tryon, OK. He developed a strong relationship with the Lord and was baptized at a young age. In 1949, they moved to Perkins, OK where he graduated from Perkins High School in 1953. He married Shirley Jenkins in 1954 and started a family in Tulsa, OK. At an early age he had an entrepreneurial spirit. He was truly a visionary who routinely saw opportunities where others only saw challenges. Elmer had an eye to see potential and help develop it in others. He began his first of many successful businesses in 1957. Throughout nearly sixty years in business he was willing to take great risks for anything he believed in. Elmer enjoyed fishing, playing cards, singing, and coaching youth sports. He married Audrey Ward in 1992. He and Audrey enjoyed entertaining family and friends and loved to cook for everyone. They loved traveling, gambling, and spending time at the lake. They were inseparable and their true love and devotion to one another is an inspiration to all. Elmer was preceded in death by his parents Elzie & Marvel, his brother Clarence and sister Barbara Joan. He is survived by his wife Audrey Hemphill of Tulsa; one sister in-law Charlene Hemphill of Bixby; three brother in-laws Carl Ward of Tulsa, Donald Ward of Warsaw, OH and Tim Ward of Tulsa; two sons and daughter in-laws, Jim & Janice Hemphill and John & Sharon Hemphill of Tulsa; two daughters Linda Harris of Broken Arrow and Rhonda Hunt of Knoxville, TN; eleven grandchildren Jamie and Jarrett, Kristen and Jim, Katie, Scott, Rodney, Gunner, Allie, Faith Ann, and Jesse; two great grandchildren Taylor and Noah and an abundance of extended family and friends whom he loved dearly. Funeral service will be held on Friday, February 12th, 2016-10:00 a.m., Faith United Methodist Church . Interment will be in Tryon, Oklahoma.

Comments



“ Very sorry to hear about Elmer, he was a great man and leader for many Industries. He will definitely be missed and leaves so many good memories. Thoughts and prayers to all his family.

Dave Brinker - March 14, 2016 at 03:27 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Elmer L. Hemphill

Lori Owens - February 10, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ Theron and I were so very blessed to be included as a friend of Elmer and his lovely wife Audrey. To know Elmer was a blessing. I think if you could have sat with Elmer everyday and have a conversation with him you would not be able to hear the same story or adventure. He could make you belly laugh with his smile. Elmer lived everyday to the fullest. The most interesting man I have ever met. You could not come away from a visit with him that you left knowing something you didn't know before. He made you appreciate that life was a gift and to never take it for granted. He saw life, people, objects, time not as it was but what it could be. I loved to hear him sing. I loved to watch him as he looked upon his wife, children, grandchildren, friends, you could just see the love and the expectations he had for all. I am so very sad knowing I won't see him in this life. I am very happy for him he has been restored and walking in Heaven with all his family and friends. He will be thought of daily and missed greatly. Love you sweet friend. I still say you should have been a singer! All you have accomplished and all you have shared will always be with us.

Kelly & Theron Richardville - February 10, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ I will truly miss you Elmer , you always had time to teach and share your knowledge with me and help me further myself and my career, and if I had a engineering or question or something I didn't quite know how to fix it or understand it or come up with a solution you were always willing to help me anytime and for that I will always be grateful to you.God Bless John and Audry and Rhonda and the whole family your in my thought and prayersLove alwaysBud Brady

Bud Brady - February 10, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences to the Hemphill family. We will miss you, Elmer Hemphill. Such sad news for those of us whose lives you've so kindly, graciously touched. But what a joyful day in Heaven it will be! – Barbara Johnson

Barbara Johnson - February 09, 2016 at 05:23 PM