



Lloyd Lee Christensen

August 14, 1914 - March 21, 2015

Lloyd Lee Christensen, age 100, passed from this life, March 21, 2015, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lloyd Lee Christensen was born on the day that World War I began to take its course ~ August 14, 1914. The son of John and Pearl Christensen, grandson of Jorgen and Anna Christensen and Will B. and Mary Mildred Gish (all pioneer families of Thomas, Oklahoma), Lloyd graduated from Thomas High School 1929 at age 15. He met his wife, Lucille Rose of Weatherford, Oklahoma on the same day that he became an ordained minister in 1931, and he counts 65 years of happiness they could share from that day. He received his Bachelor's degree in 1934 at Southwestern State University, where he had competed in track as a distance runner and majored in chemistry, physics, elementary education, secondary education, American policy, and American political parties. He completed graduate studies at OU and OSU, and taught in Oklahoma public schools for 12 years (serving as principal for 9 of those years). In 1941 he became a professor of chemistry in the Army Special Training Program at OSU. Beginning in the war years and up to 1962 he was involved in research developing synthetic fuels (Gasoline) and other synthetic chemicals. From 1957 to 1975, he worked for Amoco Corporation, where he was responsible for paint chemistry worldwide. He supervised the development of all kinds of coatings for oil pipelines, and it was a particular achievement to find the right enamel for the Alaska pipeline. From 1962 Lloyd and Lucille also served in the transitional or interim ministry, substituting in numerous churches around Oklahoma. After his retirement in 1975, they devoted all of their time to the pulpit and music in church service. After three successful careers in teaching, ministry, and science, Lloyd embarked on his fourth career at the Grief Recovery Institute in Tulsa, where he is a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. He said, "I've dedicated the rest of my life to the science of helping people learn for themselves how they can heal the sadness which we all experience at some time in our unique, individual lives." Lloyd is survived by sister: Bernadine Didier and husband, Bert of Oregon; 12 nieces, 4 nephews, and their families; numerous great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews; and 3 great-great-great nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents: John and Pearl Christensen; his wife: Lucille Christensen; sister: Mildred and her husband, Wilbur Jones, sister: Iva and her husband, Carroll Diltz, brother: Galen Christensen, infant brother and sister: Irvin and Ina Christensen, and brother: Joy and his

wife Lucile Christensen; nieces and nephews: Wilbur (Chuck) Jones, Marilyn Jones, David Diltz, John Didier, Gwendolyn Christensen; and great-nephew: Jan Ederer. A celebration of life service will be held 12:30 P.M., Monday, March 23, 2015, Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Comments



“ As I recall the story, Uncle Lloyd and Aunt Lucille were the first ones (or at least among the first few ones) to know that his little brother John Joy and another Lucile had gotten married on March 21, 1943 in an otherwise unannounced ceremony. Our Daddy, John Joy, always said, he liked the name Lucille / Lucile. Since he and Aunt Lucille also shared the same birthday, March 16, the four of them spent many of those birthdays together in their older years. Many of us who now are the elderly ones, will never forget the fun little jokes and songs that L&L knew to sing. But most of all, what I want to remember is that their quiet home was always a place where Joy and Lucile could land with a big flock of kids, or where they could send one or two of us either for a little vacation breather, or in the case of emergency. Emergency such as the time in 1948, when our father flew with Nancy and me from the DC area to Oklahoma, so that we would be cared for during the time that our mother would be in the hospital for serious surgery. Later, we visited them at Brownsville, Texas; and when we returned from Europe in 1962 with six kids and an injured dog, our first stop was at Tulsa for an overnight stay. Amazing that their home always had beds enough for such a family to stop in! In even later years, my father and I went to see Uncle Lloyd several times when I was there for a visit, and it was a particular event to watch the two of them in a debate, because they were so alike and yet so different. Yes, Lloyd Lee Christensen was a special person to a large number of people, many who I do not even know. We count ourselves lucky and blessed to be part of his large family and to say that Lloyd Lee Christensen was our Uncle Lloyd. With many good memories, Joy Sue Christensen

Joy Christensen - March 23, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ Sorry I couldn't make it to Lloyd's services. He baptized me at Jenks 1st Christian Church in the 1950's. I didn't know until later when he told me that I was the first person he'd ever baptized! He was also co-official at my wedding in 1969. Have such good memories of him & Lucille. They sure did love those "boys"—their dogs. A funny: when they had their first Cadillac & rightfully proud of it, a little boy came up to it & said, "Wow, a new Ford." Kind of burst their bubble. They laughed about that for sure. One hundred years is a long time to serve the Lord. He will be missed.

Sandy Gray - March 23, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ What a great picture. That is the same dreamy expression Uncle Lloyd's face as in the portrait that we put in the Danish-American Family book.

Joy Christensen - March 23, 2015 at 08:11 AM