Allan W. Wassom

July 3, 1933 - January 14, 2017

Allan Wayne Wassom, 83, died Saturday, January 14, 2017, in Tulsa Oklahoma. He was born July 3, 1933 in Skiatook, Oklahoma to W. C. and Helen Mae (Cunningham) Wassom. The family moved several times to small towns in the Texas Panhandle, settling in Bovina, Texas where he grew up with his three sisters and one brother. Al matured quickly and began working for a local farmer at a very young age to help support his mother and siblings. He enjoyed the work driving farm machinery and his love of tractors remained with him his whole life. He graduated from Bovina High School in 1951, and with the support and encouragement of his teachers, enrolled at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

During his first two years at Texas Tech he worked full time and continued to provide financial support to his family in Bovina. He enlisted in the U. S. Army and served two year at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. When his enlistment ended he returned to Lubbock and completed his degree in Petroleum Engineering, graduating in 1958.

Al began employment that year with the Federal Power Commission in the Bureau of Natural Gas. There was a young woman working there who took an interest in Al and who began finding excuses to visit his floor. Romance blossomed, and on December 19, 1964, Allan and Barbara Stewardson became husband and wife. Their first child, Paul, was born in 1966. In 1968 Cities Service Gas Company, in Oklahoma City came calling and offered Allan an opportunity to return to the part of the country he loved. He and Barbara

moved to Oklahoma City where their daughter Sarah was born. He served as a rates analyst and was named manager of the rates and certificates department in 1972. In 1978 Allan was elected Vice President, Rates and Certificates.

Following the Purchase of Cities Service Gas Company by Northwest Central Pipeline Company, and their subsequent purchase by The Williams Companies, Allan, Barbara, Paul and Sarah moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1984. He served as Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs until his retirement in 1990. He consulted for Williams for three years. Allan remained active in retirement and served as an adviser for S.C.O.R.E. (the Service Corps of Retired Executives) for many years assisting entrepreneurs in the establishment of new businesses.

In 1997 Allan and Barbara moved to Okmulgee, Oklahoma to escape the encroaching development near their home near 101st and Yale. They encountered a community that welcomed, embraced, and loved them as they had never before been welcomed, embraced and loved. They joined the First Presbyterian Church of Okmulgee, where Allan was elected and ordained as an Elder. He served on numerous committees and was a Trustee for many years. His friendships among the members there were some of the strongest he ever experienced.

Allan was preceded in death by his parents, his infant brother James George, and his sister Mary Davis. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, his daughter Sarah Alexander, son-in-law Jeff, and their children Riley and Connor; by his son Paul, daughter-in-law Diana and their children Matt and Michael; a brother Doyle of Dimmitt, Texas, sister Jane of Quinlan, Texas, and sister Christine of Lubbock, Texas; two sisters-in-law Joyce Young (Bob) of Woodbridge Virginia, and Janice Beach of Gordonsville, Virginia; brother-in-law Bill Davis, of Henrietta, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Robert Hauger and to the nursing staff of St. Francis Hospital in the neurology and respiratory departments for their compassionate care and loving concern for the family.

A celebration of Al’s life will be held at First Presbyterian Church Okmulgee, on Saturday January 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or the First Presbyterian Church Foundation , Okmulgee.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Al’s Tribute Page of our website at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Funeral Service

JAN **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
401 South Seminole
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Allan W. Wassom

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 18, 2017 at 12:21 PM

Allan W. Wassom

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

RK

Al was a very pleasant customer to our Barber Shop for many years. Our prayers are with Barbara and the family.

The Kovarik family at Ralph's Barber Shop

Roger Kovarik - January 21, 2017 at 09:28 AM

106 files added to the album LifeTributes

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 18, 2017 at 12:16 PM

LK

So many great memories we all have with Uncle Son. He loved us and always let us know how much he cared. He loved my mom, his sister, with all his heart and it meant so much to all of us. Thanks for all the memories, wish I could be there for you all.
Love each and everyone,
Lynne Kemerly
http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-1.png

Lynne Kemerly - January 17, 2017 at 04:29 PM

LW

Such a kind and gentle man. He loved Gary's wood turning and enjoyed coming and visiting with Gary. He will be missed. Gary and Lynn Wantiez

Lynn Wantiez - January 17, 2017 at 02:27 PM

KA

Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Allan W. Wassom

Kim Angle - January 17, 2017 at 08:20 AM

JM

Such a wonderful man. Sorry for the family's loss.

Jim McClendon - January 17, 2017 at 07:47 AM