



Robert (Bob) Paul Hess

April 1, 1932 - August 13, 2017

A memorial service for Robert “Bob” Paul Hess, 85, Okmulgee, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18 at First Christian Church in Okmulgee with Reverend Charlie Green officiating. Services will be conducted by McClendon-Winters Funeral Home.

Bob died Sunday morning, August 13, 2017 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born on April Fool’s day, 1932, a thirteen pound bundle of Bob, the youngest of five children in Decatur, Illinois to Katie Harmon and William Fred Hess. Bob spent his early years there and later moved to Herrick, Illinois where he met and married his wife of 54 years, Louise Smart. Bob served in the Air Force and with the support of the GI Bill, Mom and a job on the railroad, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Administration from Millikin University. Upon graduation, he worked for Pittsburg Plate Glass in Decatur, Illinois and then in 1964, moved the family to Okmulgee, Oklahoma for a job in management with American Saint Gobain Glass. He later purchased Marshall Plastics Company as well as multiple rental properties in Okmulgee.

His key community work included serving as Trustee and Deacon of the First Christian Church, serving terms on the Okmulgee Public School Board including president, and participating as member of the Cattlemen

Association. A faithful Rotarian, he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. He also supported multiple state institutions of higher education, as he had at least one kid in college for twenty consecutive years.

He was preceded in death by parents Katie and Fred Hess, sister Mildred and brother Fred “Junior” Hess, and his wife Louise. Surviving him are sister Anetta Campbell and brother Homer Hess.

Bob leaves behind six children: Dr. Randy and Debbie Hess, Holly and Don Martin, Dr. Cindy Hess and Frank Duncan, Rob and Margaret Hess, Lou Anne Hess, and Rick and Kathy Hess. He also leaves behind his loved companion of the last seven years, Pat Groff.

Grandchildren include Lauren Hess, Joan Hess & Cody Anderson; Dr. Emily and Jason Bussey, John and Nonya Martin, Scott Martin; Jackson, Alex and Mark Hess; Robert, Austin and Tyler Walters; and Jordan and Blake Hess.

Great grandchildren include Marielle, Vivian, Corrine, and Lucia Bussey; Andrew Martin; and Hess Anderson.

Dad was happiest with a project. He could take anything apart, fix it, and put it back together – typically with duct tape, wire and the least expensive replacement part.

He was pleased to have bought Mom her dream home in the country where they could see the sun come up and go down every day of the year - their piece of heaven on earth. Although he was not that ‘into’ the work involved with Mom’s flowers, bushes, and trees, he did enjoy his tractors, cattle, and a stint with oil and gas wells.

His interests also included frightening small children and quite grown adults;

he loved practical jokes, and did his best to keep all of us on our toes. His chili was legendary and a constant staple at family gatherings. Instead of good-bye, dad would often say 'glad you got to see me.' And so we were!

And so we are.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the charity of your choice or to the Louise and Bob Hess Memorial Scholarship at Oklahoma State University – Institute of Technology (OSU-IT). www.osugiving.com and search "Hess".

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

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
211 West 8th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *I recently inherited a Bible from my aunt when she passed away. This Bible was given to my aunt & uncle on their wedding day. Not sure if Fr. Hess was a connection to them for their wedding. They were married 65 yrs ago this month, 23rd Dec. I found this card in the Bible. Curious Me....I had to research.*



Debra Youngblood Champagne - December 04, 2020 at 03:55 PM



By the way, my aunt & uncle are Joanne Holmes and Charles Lee Youngblood. They got married in Chicago.

Debra Youngblood Champagne - December 04, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Bob was always a joy to be around and he will be missed. Our thoughts and Prayers to all of the family.*

Bill and Brenda Osterman - August 18, 2017 at 11:29 PM

Linda Jones

“ *To the family of Robert Hess, my deepest sympathy.*
Linda Jones



Linda Jones - August 17, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JH

To the family of Mr Bob Hess my deepest sympathy for your time of need. Bob was a good friend and a great person to work for.

James A Hammon - August 18, 2017 at 09:22 PM

PB

“ *Paula Blair lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Paula Blair - August 17, 2017 at 08:31 AM

RK

“ *Roger Kovarik lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Roger Kovarik - August 17, 2017 at 08:09 AM

RK

“ *Ralph Kovarik lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Ralph Kovarik - August 17, 2017 at 08:08 AM

DC

“ *Our fathers are such an important part of our character formation and as we grow older, we appreciate all the sacrifices they made, the wisdom they shared, and the strength we gained from them. Remember Bob for all parts of him and the man that he was in your lives. Diane Cockburn*

Diane Cockburn - August 16, 2017 at 11:59 PM

JC

“ *Sincere sympathy to all of the Hess family children for your loss. Your Father and Mother nurtured and raised a remarkable "bunch of kids"...*



Jeneane Campbell - August 16, 2017 at 06:59 PM

SB

“ *Lou Anne I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad! You and your family are in our prayers!*



Susie Brown - August 16, 2017 at 04:55 PM

JH

“ *Jeanne Heath lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Jeanne heath - August 16, 2017 at 04:22 PM

JK

“ *Jill Keck lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Jill Keck - August 16, 2017 at 10:34 AM

JK

So sorry to hear about Bob. He was a wonderful man. I have many great memories...Love to all the Hess family.

Jill Keck - August 16, 2017 at 10:36 AM

DB

“ *Donna Boss-Martin lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Donna Boss-Martin - August 16, 2017 at 10:08 AM

RT

“ *With deepest sympathy as you remember your father.*

Robin Taylor - August 15, 2017 at 11:31 PM

ML

“ *Michelle Langley lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Michelle Langley - August 15, 2017 at 10:08 PM

DB

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Bob. He was always pleasant to be around. Prayers to his family for peace and wonderful memories of him.*



Dee Blackmon - August 15, 2017 at 10:04 PM

DB

Dee Ann (Moten) Blackmon

Dee Ann (Moten) Blackmon - August 15, 2017 at 10:05 PM

JW

“ *Janie Weller lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Janie Weller - August 15, 2017 at 05:41 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Bridgman lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess



Jennifer Bridgman - August 15, 2017 at 05:01 PM

LB

“ Lynnda Brown lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess



Lynnda Brown - August 15, 2017 at 04:53 PM

JG

“ Jamie Goodnight lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess



Jamie Goodnight - August 15, 2017 at 03:07 PM

CT

“ Dear Famiky of Robert Hess: I am sorry to learn of the death of your father. He was always a very gracious and kind man and my husband and I enjoyed their hind ness to our family. May God grant you peace in the days and years to come as you mourn his loss
Caryl Taylor and Famiky.

Caryl Taylor - August 15, 2017 at 11:49 AM

EM

Rob sorry to hear of the passing of your dad may God bless you and your family. Elneeda Motte class of 79

Elneeda Motte - August 24, 2017 at 06:10 PM

LP

“ *Leroy Parker lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Leroy Parker - August 15, 2017 at 11:35 AM

GM

“ *Gary & Nancy Mount lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Gary & Nancy Mount - August 15, 2017 at 11:20 AM

CR

“ *Connie Reed lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



Connie Reed - August 14, 2017 at 09:39 PM

JD

“ Joe And Janice Dulin lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess



Joe and Janice Dulin - August 14, 2017 at 01:25 PM

LM

“ Lois McLeod lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess



Lois McLeod - August 14, 2017 at 09:25 AM

KA

“ Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess



Kim Angle - August 14, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ Steven Sanders lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess



Steven Sanders - August 14, 2017 at 05:16 AM



“ *I worked for him at Marshall plastics he was a very nice boss and good guy..sorry for your loss...*
Janice (Reese) Bayless

Janice Bayless - August 13, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Robert (Bob) Paul Hess*



david miller - August 13, 2017 at 04:17 PM