

Lecil Ray Bicket



Lecil Ray Bicket, 85, passed away Monday, September 1 at his home in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Strode Funeral Home. His funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5, 2014 at the First Baptist Church, Stillwater. Dr. Tim Walker officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lecil was born on February 14, 1929 to Irene O (Rene) and Charles W. Bicket in Conway Springs, Kansas. He married Frances Kannady in Bixby, Oklahoma on February 18, 1951. They were together until her death on February 12, 2013.

Lecil attended schools in Carter and Elk City, Oklahoma and attended one year at Oklahoma University before moving to Oklahoma A & M. While at Oklahoma University he joined the Army National Guard, eventually serving in the Korean War as a Dental Assistant and earning the rank of Master Sgt with the 45th division.

After Lecil was discharged from the Army in April 1952, he and Frances moved to Lawton, Oklahoma where he and his brother, Marvin owned and operated a Phillip 66 Service Station. A few years later they bought Liberty Heights Food Store and owned and operated the store until he moved his family to Stillwater in January 1964 to manage the University Manor Apartments on Duck Street for Liberty Preston.

Lecil and Frances bought the Preston Real Estate Agency in 1974 from Liberty Preston. In 1976 he bought a Century 21 Franchise which became Century 21 Preston Realtors and later in 1978 added Century 21 Global Realtors. Century 21 Preston Realtors eventually became Century 21 Global Realtors. He was Broker owner of Century 21 Global Realtors until 1997 when Linda, his daughter, moved back to run the brokerage. He remained active in the business until his death. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stillwater and a member of the Stillwater Board of Realtors and the Noon Kiwanis Club.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Irene and Charles Bicket; wife Frances; sister, Velma Woods and brother, Marvin Bicket.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Schmidt; grandchildren, Erin Grizzle, husband Jeff, Megan Schmidt and great grandchild Annie Grizzle.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Judith Karman Hospice; P.O. Box 818, Stillwater, OK 74076.