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JOHN BOWMAN CATHEY JR

John Bowman Cathey was called home on December 7th, 2013 to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Funeral services will be held on Monday December 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at University Heights Baptist Church, with Mr. Vic Costa officiating, burial will follow at Fairlawn Cemetery. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

John was born in Bearden, Arkansas on December 30th, 1929 to John and Mary (Nowlin) Cathey. The family moved to Camden, Ar where John played all sports, was quarterback on the high school football team, and worked on his father's farm. John graduated from Camden High School in 1948. He went on to Oklahoma State University and earned his degree in 1952 with a degree in Marketing. While attending OSU, he was in ROTC and was President of the Sigma Chi fraternity. John served his country through the US Army during the Korean conflict.

In 1954 he went to work for Conoco in South Dakota, In 1957 he was transferred to Davenport, Iowa where he eventually met Nancy (Stover), a third grade teacher. They married July 12, 1959 in Rochelle, Illinois. While they were with Conoco they lived in Billings, MT, Minneapolis, MN, Chattanooga, TN, and twice in Houston, TX. After 25 years with Conoco, John took early retirement as General Manager of Marketing and started a second career with the Oklahoma State University Foundation in 1982. In 1990 he was asked to direct and organize a corporate component of the National Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC and facilitating petroleum industry prayer breakfasts throughout the US.

John loved spending time with family and is remembered as a proud devoted husband, father and grandfather to his 4 children and 9 grandchildren. He is also known as being a surrogate parent to several young people who lived with them as students. John was an active member of Stillwater Community Church and throughout the Stillwater community. He also enjoyed his time as President of Old West Trail Foundation in the Rocky Mountain area.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years – Nancy, three sons – Mark, Jeff and Brian, a daughter Cindy, and nine grandchildren. Mark and wife Melinda and their children Danielle, Micah and Breanne; Cottage Grove, MN, Cindy Bankston and husband John and their children Kyle and Ryan; Cypress, TX, Jeff and his wife Anita and their children Rachel, Meg and Jacob; Edmond, OK, Brian and his wife Cindi and their son Bryson; Broken Arrow, OK, and brother Sam and his wife Lu of Oklahoma City in addition to many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, six brothers and four sisters.

