

## Samuel "Gary" Davidson



Samuel "Gary" Davidson passed on to his eternal home Friday afternoon, October 16, 2020. His life will be celebrated on this coming Friday, October 23, at 3:00 pm in his backyard (weather permitting). He requested bright colors be worn. The family prefers live plants or donations may be made in his name to University Heights Baptist Church or Our Daily Bread.

Gary was born in 1933 in Ardmore, OK, to Walter W. and Willie (Haren) Davidson, the youngest of 8. He graduated from Ardmore High School class of '51 and attended Murray State College for two years before entering the U.S. Air Force in 1954. During the Korean War he was stationed in Korea, Okinawa, England and SAC. In 1959 he graduated with a degree in business from A&M/OSU and married Rosemary Carleton Davidson at College Heights Baptist Church (now University Heights).

Davidson began his career in Kansas City, MO at the Atomic energy Commission, followed by a brief time at Electric Boat in Groton, CT. He returned to the AEC/Nuclear Regulatory Commission in MD as Branch Chief of Personnel. In 1979 he returned to Stillwater to work at OSU in personnel at the student union and served for over a decade as a financial aid counselor, retiring in 1998. He was known for his involvement in garage sales which aided several mission endeavors. His passion besides his love for prayer and Jesus and his grandchildren was "horse trading" and garage sailing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 7 siblings. He is survived by his wife of 61 years; only daughter, Jana Stelzer and husband Don; and grandchildren: Seth L and wife Hunter; Noah L and wife Saydi; Abigail L "Abby"; "adopted" daughter, Sarah Sloan and son Dustin, and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was a member of the Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 Stillwater.