

LeRoy Howell



LeRoy Howell, 93, of Stillwater, Oklahoma died at 9:00 PM Tuesday, July 5th, 2016. He was born November 8, 1922, in Stratford, Oklahoma to James and Zena Howell. He attended Stratford High School and graduated in 1940, and then went on to earn a bachelors degree at Oklahoma A & M. He was called to active duty in the Armed services in April of 1943, in the middle of his college years, and served in the Armed forces through the end of World War II. In 1946, he returned to Oklahoma A & M and graduated with a bachelors degree in Agronomy and later earned his Masters degree in Adult Education in 1964. He was decorated

with numerous honors including a Purple Heart. In 1945, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

LeRoy is survived by his four children: Joe, and his wife Elizabeth of Tulsa; James, and his wife Nancy of Edmond; Suzanne, and her husband Daryl Baxter of Guthrie; and Barry, and his wife Molly of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death was his wife, Betty Jo Howell, parents James and Zena, siblings; brother Elvis, and his wife Christine and sister Leota and her husband Joe.

He worked as an Assistant County Extension Agent in Kiowa County when he first laid eyes on his wife Betty Jo Thomas. It was love at first sight. Married July 31, 1949, Betty and LeRoy raised their family in Hollis and Hitchcock, Oklahoma, and moved to Stillwater in 1979.

LeRoy had a successful career as a County Extension Agent. In his career he enjoyed serving the community, specifically 4-H Clubs and assisting farmers. He retired in 1979 and soon after moved to Stillwater. LeRoy's hobbies included; gardening, watching sports "specifically" Oklahoma State University, Kiwanis, Oklahoma Horticulture Society and serving his church. LeRoy served faithfully and with a servant's heart. A regular vendor at the Farmers Market in Stillwater, LeRoy's vegetables were sought after by many.

Memorial services will be at Eagle Heights Baptist Church, July 9th, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Pastor Brent Prentice and long time friend Leo Presley will be officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Eagle Heights Baptist Church - Legacy Fund, 2617 N. Jardot, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74075 or Gideon's International - Gideons.org

LeRoy Howell belonged to the Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 Stillwater, Oklahoma.