

## Karl George Oltmanns



Karl George Oltmanns, 92, died on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Salem Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Interment will follow at Salem Lutheran Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 19, 2021. Strode Funeral Home and Cremation is in charge of the arrangements.

Karl was born on October 11, 1929 to George and Marie (Friedemann) Oltmanns in Cherokee Township, Payne County, Oklahoma on his family's farm west of Stillwater. In 1938, his family moved to Glencoe, Oklahoma after purchasing a farm there. He graduated from Glencoe High School in 1948. He married Marlene Beier on June 13, 1954 at Zion Lutheran Church in Perry, Oklahoma. They were married for almost 57 years until her death on May 30, 2011.

He worked in the automobile business from 1948 until his retirement in 1992. He started as a mechanic helper, and then became a mechanic, parts manager, and sales manager. He eventually purchased the Dodge/Plymouth dealership in Stillwater in 1978 and the Chrysler franchise in 1983. In 1988, he served as President of the Oklahoma Automobile Dealers Association. He received many honors and in 1989 was awarded the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award in cooperation with the National Automobile Dealers Association for his outstanding performance as an automobile dealer and valued citizen of his community. In 1990, he received the Norwood Institute Dealer Education Award in recognition of outstanding achievement and service to education.

He was an active member of Salem Lutheran Church in which his grandfather was a Charter member. He served in a variety of leadership roles within the church. He served as a Stillwater City Commissioner and Vice Mayor from 1976-1980 and served on the Stillwater Planning Commission from 1980-1986. During this time, he was involved in the passage of the Kaw Reservoir Bond issue. He was a part of the District 16 Conservancy Board of Soil Conservation in Payne/Noble counties for numerous years, serving as both president and treasurer. He was a Shriner and Masonic Lodge member. He served 27 years in the US Army and Navy, primarily in a Reserve capacity, and retired as Command Sergeant Major. He was a member of the American Legion, where he served as post commander.

His faith, family, friends, farming, and community were of utmost importance to him. He never met a stranger and was beloved by many.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Marlene Beier Oltmanns; infant son, Mark; his parents, George and Marie Oltmanns; and his siblings, Robert Oltmanns, Paul Oltmanns, and Esther Oltmanns Dobson.

He is survived by his children, son Dr. Kevin Oltmanns and wife Lori; daughter Kay Oltmanns Headrick and husband Chris; grandchildren Michael Oltmanns and wife Amy, Carly Oltmanns, Emily, Rebecca and Seth Headrick; his sister, Joanne Oltmanns Kuster; numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews; as well as his devoted companion, Joanne Barrick.

The family would like to thank the many healthcare professionals and caregivers who have provided care to Karl over the past few years and especially those at Stillwater Medical Center, Stillwater Medical Home Health, Golden Oaks Village, Karmen Legacy Hospice and Westhaven Nursing Home. Also, a special thanks to the many families and friends who have provided emotional and spiritual support to Karl and his family over the years.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmen Legacy Hospice, Stillwater Medical Center Foundation, or Salem Lutheran Church.