



## Dr. Wayne A. Pettyjohn

Dr. Wayne A. Pettyjohn, 83, passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at his home with family in Stillwater, Oklahoma. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Stillwater. Burial will be at Fairlawn Cemetery. A Celebration of Life reception will follow the services at the Pettyjohn home. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Pettyjohn has been a member of the American Legion Post 129 for 25 years serving as Commander of Post 129 for two years 1998-1999 and 1999-2000. Dr. Pettyjohn has always invited people into his home where he has shown proudly his vast collection of military items. Dr. Pettyjohn made several wonderful, interesting Military History presentations to Post 129 meetings during his 25 years as an American Legion member.

Wayne was born on August 4, 1933 to Roy Waldo and Francis (Rice) Pettyjohn in rural Indiana. He attended and graduated from high school in 1952 at Carson Long Institute, a Military Academy in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. He attended South Dakota School of Mines from 1952 to 1954 and then joined the United States Marine Corps. After Honorable Discharge from the Corps in 1957, he returned to his studies on the G.I. Bill. He remained in the Armed Forces in the United States Army Reserve until 1962.

He earned a B.A. degree in January, 1959 and a M.A. degree in August, 1959 from State University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He mapped for the U.S. Geological Survey in South Dakota in 1960. He then went to Boston College where he obtained a Ph.D. in Geology in 1965. He again worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in Bismark, North Dakota from 1965 to 1967. While there, he read for the law and obtained his license to practice law in North Dakota in 1968.

Wayne was Professor of Hydrogeology at the Ohio State University in Columbus from 1967 to 1981. During his 1980-81 Sabbatical year he was visiting Professor at the E.P.A. Robert Kerr Lab in Ada, Oklahoma. He has been recognized by OSU, geological professional societies, and his colleagues for the summer courses he established for out-of-work petroleum geologists in the In 1981 Wayne became Head of the School of Geology at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater. early 1980s. Of the 1300 students who attended, without cost, all were able to attain jobs in environmental and hydrogeologic work. His enthusiasm for teaching extended beyond the classroom. Over 40 groundwater monitoring wells were dug/augered on his home property. Several Masters and Ph.D.-degree studies from those wells provided new information on

shallow groundwater movement. He also served as an expert witness and consultant for individuals and industry. He was a participant in NATO studies of the groundwater contamination problems in Eastern European countries. He retired from Oklahoma State University in 1995. His hobbies were many and varied. He had a Private Pilot License and flew his own plane. He enjoyed fishing with friends, especially if he could catch the most or biggest fish. His woodworking projects were clever, and most notably, he enjoyed collecting militaria, as attested by the displays in his home. He also wrote a few historical novels of the Marine Corps in the Great War and World War II. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jack and one sister, Jean Campbell.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis (Ole) and her children, son, Michael Garman and wife Sherry, of Pegram, Tennessee; daughter, Karen and husband Kevin Dooley, their children, Kiefer, Keelyn, and Kip of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; son, Mark Garman; Wayne's daughter Diana, and husband Jeff Whitley of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; daughter, Debra and husband Rusty Weiger, and children, Jennifer and John of Athens, Alabama.

Wayne Pettyjohn, Jeff Whitley, & Jim Horn Vise Commander



WWI Uniform Presentation  
From Wayne Pettyjohn's collection

Wayne Pettyjohn, & Commander Gerald McClain



Wayne Pettyjohn's Collection  
Presentation