



IN MEMORY OF

HUGH VANCE POSEY, JR.

Obituary for Hugh Vance Posey, Jr.

Hugh Vance Posey, Jr. passed away September 30, 2014 after attaining his stated goal of celebrating his 90th birthday.

Born in Hugo, Oklahoma on September 9, 1924 to H V “Vance” Posey and Annabelle Cooper Posey, Hugh called Stillwater “home” for nearly 80 years. He completed his first year at Oklahoma A&M before enlisting in the Army Air Corps where he earned the rank of Second Lieutenant and was a B-17 co-pilot. After his service, Hugh returned to Stillwater to complete his geology degree at Oklahoma A&M where he met his future bride, Wanda Tennyson. They were married May 17, 1952.

He began his career with a Stillwater-based oil and gas company and, after a few years, started his own consulting service. Over the next 40-plus years, he personally witnessed the drilling of more than 1,000 oil and gas wells in North Central Oklahoma. He knew the geological subsurface of this area like no other.

An avid outdoorsman, Hugh enjoyed playing golf with his friends, growing and sharing vegetables from his garden, hunting things with wings, and fishing. But most of all, he relished time spent with his family. He gifted his wife, children and granddaughters with wonderful memories of planting and harvesting his garden, taking in OSU games, dancing, and cooking delicious meals together.

Hugh’s steadfast love for Wanda, his wife of 62 years, endures while his spirit continues to shine through his children, daughter, Martha Posey Burke and her husband E.J. of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and son, Kyle of Conroe, Texas. Granddaughters Caitlin Burke Jordan (Jay), Margaret Burke (Stanley Peplinski), and Kylee Burke will carry the lessons learned from their PaPa with them for the rest of their lives. The family is comforted knowing that Hugh has been reunited with his parents; sister, Mary Olivia Posey; and firstborn son, Vance

Lee Posey, who passed away in 1967.

The family requests no flowers. A casual memorial gathering will be held Saturday, November 8 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Stillwater Country Club where the family would love to have you share your pictures and remembrances of times spent with Hugh. Should you wish to make a donation in Hugh's name, please consider Good Shepard Hospice, 6218 South Lewis Avenue, Suite 110 Tulsa, OK 74136; Stand Up to Cancer, P.O. Box 843721, Los Angeles, CA 90084-3721, or the charity of your choice.

The Posey family thanks the following people who extended themselves to make the final months of Hugh's journey a little easier: Suzanne Carpenter and family, Charles and Carol Headrick, Dick and Marge Overholt, Dr. Gil Emde and staff, especially Hugh's favorite nurse Susie Arneson-Welch, the 5th floor nurses and staff of Stillwater Medical Center, the entire staff of Golden Oaks Village of Stillwater, and Good Shepard Hospice, especially Kenna Spiehs RN.

Hugh was a loving husband, wonderful father, devoted PaPa, and good friend to all who knew him. He will be missed.