

## Billy Marion Putnam



Billy Marion Putnam, 89, of Stillwater passed from this life Monday, February 22, 2016. Bill was born on June 2, 1926 in Ada, OK to E.M. and Julia (Stephens) Putnam. He spent his early years in the Ada area before moving to Brownsville, TX where he attended high school.

Bill joined the US Navy and served active duty in WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was honored with several prestigious service awards during his 20-year naval career. Following his honorable discharge in 1962, Bill began working as an Administrative Officer for the USDA Dept. of Soil Conservation.

In 1966 he married the love of his life, Pauline "Polly" Hinrichs in Albuquerque, NM. The family relocated to Connecticut, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and several other states before Bill's retirement in the mid 1980's. Upon retirement, the family moved to Stillwater, OK to be closer to Pauline's family.

Bill was a kind man who, like many 20 yr. military retirees, lived a very independent and regimented life. He knew how things should be done and he liked them done that way. Bill's friendly nature and abundance of good stories offered him a wide range of friends. He enjoyed telling war stories and talking about current events and the political landscape. He could often be found at the Moose or Elks Lodge, or the Stillwater VFW visiting with friends or at home cheering on the Dallas Cowboy's or watching college football. Bill's favorite activity was golfing, and he continued playing until he was physically unable to continue. Anyone who knew Bill knew that nothing made him happier than being with Polly. He was a thoughtful husband who went out of his way to do the little things to let her know how much he loved her.

Bill Putnam was a loving husband, a proud father and grandfather, a caring uncle, a brave patriot, and a trusted friend who will be missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings James Craig Putnam and Bobbie Jean Putnam. He is survived by his wife and best friend Polly Putnam of Stillwater, OK; Daughter Claudia Lynch and husband Clint of Denton, TX; Grandson James Travis "J.T." Lynch and wife Jessica of Coppel, TX; Great Grandson Liam Lynch; Nephew Mark Putnam; Nieces Jamie Hinojosa and Laurie Trevino; as well as many great nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends..

Service ~ Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Palmer Marler Funeral Home Chapel in Stillwater with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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