

## Richard J. Roy



Richard J. Roy, age 93, died peacefully at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, on June 16, 2020. He was born April 16, 1927 in Stillwater. As a child the family moved to Tishomingo when his father took a federal position with the State of Oklahoma. The family relocated to Ardmore in 1942 where he attended elementary school at St. Mary's Catholic School. He completed his high school education and graduated from St. Gregory's School in Shawnee. Richard entered the U.S. Army in 1944 and after fulfilling that commitment, enrolled in Murray State College in Tishomingo. He began his work career with Samedann Oil, later named Noble

Energy. In 1958 he was transferred to Atlanta, Georgia with Noble Inns Ltd., where he was named President of Noble Inns, Ltd. His time with the Noble companies spanned 28 years.

Richard married Miriam Kerr of Ardmore. They had 6 children: Cecilia Harrington, Patricia Booms, Agnes ( Sr. Julia Marie) Roy, Gregory Roy, Kathleen Bankston and Michelle Isenbart. The marriage ended and was annulled by the Catholic Church. In 1978 he married Mary Jo Dotson, who had 3 children, Susan Reed, Pete Dotson and Michael Dotson. Richard and Mary Jo were married for 43 years and enjoyed the grandchildren from their previous marriages. The Roy grandchildren are: Miriam Bankston, Joey Bankston, Andrew Isenbart, Ashley Isenbart and Adam Isenbart. The Dotson grandchildren are: Christopher Voorhees, Brian Voorhees and Tracy West. And one great-grandchild, Dylan Jeffery.

Richard was the oldest of 4 children. He is survived by his brother Lawrence Roy and wife Jolene, Step-brother John Hardage and 17 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother Jean Roy, his sister Agnes Rose Roy-Silovsky, his father Felix Roy, Mother Agnes Roy, step-mother Helen Roy and daughter Patricia Booms. He was a member of St. Benedicts Catholic Church in Broken Arrow, Knights of Columbus, The Foresters and The American Legion. Richard was very much loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a deeply religious man.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the restrictions for social distancing, Funeral and Internment services are pending.

Richard Roy was a member of Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 Stillwater for 34 years.