

John Watkins Sheperd



John Watkins Sheperd Jr., 86, passed away Friday, July 18, 2014 at his home in Stillwater, Okla. His memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 25, at Strode Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. James Jones will officiate. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. John was born on Feb. 5, 1928, to John W. Sheperd and Pearl (Shelton) Sheperd in Hermleigh, Texas. He married Anna Hatchell in 1950 at Cordell, Okla. They later divorced. He later married Jackie Walker in September 1977. They were married until her death Feb. 7, 2011.

He joined the Army on Feb. 28, 1952. John served in the Korean War. He served until Jan. 14, 1954. John attended Cloud Chief Public Schools, Florida State University and Oklahoma State University. He received an associates in civil engineering. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Department and as a civil engineer tech from 1960 until 1989. He was a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church of Stillwater. He was a member of the OSU Alumni Association. John owned Oklahoma Hoops and scouted girls basketball and softball. He loved OSU women's basketball, being their No. 1 fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pearl Sheperd; wife Jackie Sheperd; and brother, Eldon Sheperd. He is survived by daughter, Paula, husband Tim Nagode, step-daughter, Kamera, husband, John Charles, step-son, Steven, wife Samantha Walker, grandchildren, Dylan and Jackson Nagode, Ashton Shelton, Morgan Charles, Shantel, Steele, Seth and Savannah Walker. Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting www.strodefh.com.

John Watkins Sheperd belonged to the Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 Stillwater, Oklahoma.