



Ralph Oliver

March 2, 1928 - February 4, 2021

Private Services

Ralph Oliver, of Broken Arrow, passed away Thursday, February 4, 2021, at the age of 92.

He was born March 2, 1928, in Tulsa, to Roy and Grace Oliver. Ralph was always proud of his Tulsa roots and his early life in Brookside. As a child, he attended Marquette School and Christ the King Catholic Church. Ralph went on to attend high school at Subiaco Academy in Subiaco, Arkansas, which was a defining aspect of his life. During his time at Subiaco, he won many awards and achievements for athletics and personal character. His time at Subiaco further instilled in him a firm sense of spirituality that he maintained all of his life. He kept up with friends and faculty long after his graduation and was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni in 2008.

In 1946, he attended Oklahoma A&M, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and, most importantly, met his future wife, Betty Bailey, mother of their five children. In 1948, he joined his father in the Roy Oliver Jewelry and Loan Company in downtown Tulsa. His two sons would later join him in the family business. Ralph was a respected member of the downtown business community where he developed long-lasting business and personal relationships with people from all walks of life.

In 1957, Ralph and Betty moved their growing family to Broken Arrow where they attended St. Anne's Catholic Church and were active in the Parish. After many years of living in town, Ralph and Betty bought land east of Broken Arrow. The Farm would become more than just a home as they hosted many friends and family and created lasting memories. Following Betty's passing, Ralph found love for the second time when he married lifelong friend, Dorothy Mullen. He was forever grateful for her companionship and the years they spent together on the Farm. Dorothy died in December, 2020.

Ralph was grateful for the life that he lived. He continually expressed a deep gratitude for the many blessings that God showered upon him and would often say "I've lived a good life!"

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Dorothy and her husband Dick Jennings; daughter, Ann Oliver; and wives, Betty and Dorothy.

Ralph is survived by his children, Craig and wife Barbara, Allison, Patrick and wife Deda, Jennie Finley and husband Alan; grandchildren, Amy, Keri, Melissa, Sally, Julie, Graham, Katie, Emily, Molly, Susan, Browning, Olivia, Laura, Meggie, Brennan and many great grandchildren; nieces, Lola Ross and Cindy Wasemiller.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Meals on Wheels of Tulsa at mealsonwheelstulsa.org/donate or to your favorite charity.

Comments



“ Ralph was a very kind and loving man, kind to everyone who came into the jewelry store?, I was blessed to know him. I just now found out about his passing. I knew him when I worked at the Federal bldg./-Post Office

Linda Bragg Logan - April 15 at 11:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Oliver.



February 07 at 09:28 PM



“ Best neighbor ever!



Debbie (Brewer) Spencer - February 07 at 04:42 PM



“ Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph Oliver.



February 07 at 01:41 PM



“ Ralph gave me my first pair of diamond earrings for my birthday! I was so proud to wear them and thought they were so fancy! So many fond memories of Ralph and Betty as our neighbors in the country!

Debbie (Brewer) Spencer - February 06 at 07:38 PM



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Jennie Finley - February 06 at 05:24 PM



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Jennie Finley - February 05 at 07:40 PM



“ A wonderful friend and neighbor for almost 50 years. Ralph and Betty did much to nurture our young, struggling family, helping with our children and foster children. Later, Ralph and Dot were a great team, just good, steadfast people. Our world needs more like Ralph Oliver!

AnneFranc Brewer - February 05 at 10:45 AM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - February 04 at 07:43 PM