



## Bud Fritz

November 4, 1938 - May 18, 2026

Martell DeVera Fritz, lovingly known as Bud, was born on November 4th, 1938, in Enderlin, North Dakota, to William and Alma Fritz. Upon graduating from Enderlin High School as salutatorian, Bud received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. In 1961, after marching in President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Parade, Bud graduated from West Point.

On Bud's first assignment to Babenhausen, Germany, he met his soon-to-be-wife, Sheryl, the daughter of a retired Army officer. In order to go on dates, Bud bought a 1952 Mercedes, which the two nicknamed the "Blue Beast." After dating for ten months, Bud and Sheryl were happily married. In 1965, the couple had their first daughter, Kelley, and in 1971, they welcomed their second daughter, Nancy.

After 26 years in the Army, Bud retired as a Colonel. His second career was at Lockheed Martin for 17 years, which included much travel to Japan and South Korea. Next, restless in retirement, he worked as a consultant for Northrop Grumman until the age of 72.

Bud was a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan and especially loved when they beat the New York Yankees. He also loved to travel; he and Sheryl went on innumerable river cruises in Europe and ocean cruises all over the world.

Above all, Bud enjoyed spending time with his family, six of whom lovingly call him PopPop. He could usually be found dancing with his grandchildren or “stealing” their noses.

In 2012, Bud and Sheryl relocated from Arlington, Texas, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they were heavily involved in their church, Church of the Holy Spirit Anglican, Tulsa Newcomers, Jenks Senior Center, and various bridge groups. He served on the board of the Jenks Senior Center, participated in Great Decisions, served on the vestry of his church, and played fantasy football with his sons-in-law.

For Bud’s funeral, please wear bright colors, which he loved.

Bud is survived by:

His wife, Sheryl Fritz

His daughter, Kelley, and son-in-law, Jim Baughman

His daughter, Nancy, and son-in-law, Scott Vance

His grandchildren, Hannah, Maya, and Nina Vance and Nash, Evan, and Kate Baughman

His sister, Maurine, and brother-in-law, Paul Bothwell

His nephews, Scott Fritz, Rick, and Ron Bothwell, and their families

His nieces, Ronda Klubben, Barbara Thompson, and their families

His beloved cat, Dante

He is preceded in death by:

His parents, William and Alma Fritz

His brother, Dayton Fritz

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 4. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit  
12121 E 41st St  
Tulsa, OK 74146

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## Graveside Service

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JUN 5. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Alcie Baughman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bud Fritz.*



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**Alcie Baughman** - June 04 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Alcie Baughman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bud Fritz.*

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**Alcie Baughman** - June 04 at 01:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bud Fritz.*

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June 03 at 12:52 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Bud Fritz.*



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June 03 at 12:52 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to his wonderful family. I knew Bud for 3 years while working at the YMCA in Bixby. I'm a Yankees fan and he was a Redsox fan and we would talk for hours about baseball. I would have to remind him to go walk and do his workout because he couldn't stop talking about the Redsox. He talked about life and family. When we first met he told me I had a great spirit about me and that meant a lot to me and since then he became my friend. I miss you Bud

Noah Greenhaw - June 02 at 09:44 AM

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“ The scholl Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bud Fritz.



The scholl Family - June 01 at 06:23 PM

LV

“ Lisa Vance purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Bud Fritz.



Lisa Vance - May 30 at 12:38 PM

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“ Scott & Beth, Ronda & Eric, Barb & Tom purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bud Fritz.



Scott & Beth, Ronda & Eric, Barb & Tom - May 22 at 09:55 PM