



Everett Earl Olten Jr.

December 15, 1951 - April 7, 2018

Private Family Services pending.

Everett Earl Olten Jr. was born on December 15th, 1951, in Colby, Kansas. He passed away peacefully in his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, on Saturday, April 7th, 2018, at 8:06 p.m. He was 66.

Growing up in Sacramento, California, in the 1950's and 1960's he moved to Tulsa as a teenager and graduated from Central High School. A hardworking man, Everett started working at Fields Downs Randolph while attending night school at Tulsa Junior College where he was honored in the Who's Who Among Students at American Jr. Colleges. Everett started as a delivery boy at Fields and with his engaging personality quickly moved into sales.

Everett had an ability to reach people in a deep and positive way and was President and Charter Member of the Southeast Tulsa Sertoma Club in 1968. Inherent to his nature, he worked to serve our communities and improve the lives of those who needed help. Through his leadership, they worked to improve the quality of life for those at risk or impacted by hearing loss through education and support. Everett continued sacrificing for the needs of others and served our Nation in the Oklahoma Air National Guard where he was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant in 1976.

He met life long friends while serving in the Guard and with Sertoma. He loved Downtown Tulsa and would edit the story to his audience when sharing such interesting life stories about his times living, working and playing there. He'd recall his Tulsa shenanigans with a fondness of time passed. He could tell you in great detail of the places that were trendy. And the neighborhoods he lived in or how they've changed. And, with a smile, he'd allude to the characters he ran with and his eyes would light up with both disbelief and joy. Everett remembered friends by their leather jacket. Or the timeframe because he'd vividly recall someone's bellbottom pants. His family will miss these stories, with intricate detail, that became a staple of visits in recent years.

In 1987 he went to work for Tulsa Office Supply and began the furnishings portion of that business. Later he purchased this business and was the President and CEO of Tulsa Office Furnishings for many years. He also served as the President of the Management Society at TCC during this time. Everett didn't slow down after his diagnosis of cancer and kept doing what he loved – fishing, joking with his wife and working each day as the Vice President of Interiors for Business until he passed. He was a cherished part of the business community and will be greatly missed by his business associates and tips group.

Everett met the love of his life in 1987. He asked her to marry him but she was insistent on waiting until the stars aligned. In Eureka Springs, in 1990, he was rewarded for his persistence and married his bride, Karol. They worked together and lived together for more than 30 years. Raising two children, Lauren and Josh, was full of joy, occasional exasperation and epic road trips. Everett would patiently wait at historic mile markers for the family to explore. Jokingly he'd say that they were "off like a herd of turtles" as the teenagers slowly piled back into the car to continue to the next adventure. He loved big, cherished the time he shared with his family and was supportive. Everett's love for travel coupled with his patience empowered the family to explore. His attitude and unconditional love made that a fun adventure for those who

traveled with him.

One of the places Everett most loved visiting – and his eventual resting place – is the cabin in New Mexico. A yearly tradition, Everett would spend hours playing cards and fishing at the stream by the cabin. Everett loved to trout fish and also enjoyed visiting Missouri streams where he could enjoy time with family and fish in the beautiful scenery.

For recreation, he read Hot Rod magazine, studied car manuals and was the man you called if something needed fixed. An avid domino player, Everett sought friendship, laughter and oftentimes a winning round at the table surrounded by friends. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, shuffleboard and card games. There were many nights that turned into early mornings with friends laughing around the table. He lovingly would recount these times with family and friends. He treasured the artwork his daughter, Lauren, shared with him and spoke proudly about her talent with programming. Everett appreciated his time with family and loved seeing Karol playing lovingly with his grandchildren who called him Papa. Some of his fondest memories were of Joshua catching his first fish as a child and introducing the kids to his love of nature and the outdoors.

Per his wishes, Olten's body is being donated to the University of Oklahoma medical school for further research. In this generous act, and in many others, Everett continued thinking of improving the lives of many until he left this world and returned home.

His character and temperament can best be shown from the time he was diagnosed with cancer until his passing. Everett had every right to be mad but instead his warm smile continued, loving unconditionally and allowed others to be themselves. Neither hard times nor cancer would rob him of who he was. Everett fought with valor in a hard battle with this disease and participated in several trial studies while he could through MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation.

His family requests, in the spirit of Everett's storytelling, that you would write or call to share about your times with Everett – or Butch as some may know him. His family offers you much love, light and peace to all.

Everett leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Karol Olten; daughter Lauren Dunkelberger and her husband Michael; son Joshua Rogers and his wife Stephanie; brothers and sisters Richard Olten, Rick Olten and his wife Carol, Vicki Olten, Bo Olten, Terri Lotta and Robert Lotta; two grandchildren Emerson and Guthrie; beloved aunt June Hines; and a host of many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews as well as dear friends and colleagues.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents, Peggy J. Eby and Everett E. Olten Sr.

Tribute Wall



“ *Everett Earl Olten Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Hey Butch*

Was just thinking of you today. No particular reason you just popped into my thoughts. i am sure you know how much you are missed. i always enjoyed your compny and wish I had something more prolific to say. I still smile everytime I think of you trying to avoid my Dad on Friday afternoon.

it is getting late buddy so thats all i have the energy for.

Byron Roberts

Byron Roberts - January 05, 2021 at 01:26 AM



“ *Everett was one of a kind! When we met I instantly felt that he was like family, I worked with him many times, we wrote crazy emails back and forth and he always brought sunshine and laughter into our lives, on a professional and personal level. He will be missed so very much. Prayers and deepest sympathy to Karol and family and all that knew this wonderful man.*

Georgia George - April 26, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Prayers and thoughts are sent to your family at this sad time. I was blessed to have known Butch. We met at Central High School. He always had a smile and kind words. May he rest in peace.*

Teresa Pigg Lantz

Teresa Lantz - April 25, 2018 at 05:45 PM

VI

Hi I know u don't know me but my name is Victoria Ann wymer and my mom was Vicki lynn Taylor tully iam her daughter and Mr evertt e is my grandfather so I never met him at all and he never knew me .I wish I have met him before he passed away.margreat Clark was my my grandma.

Victoria - June 23, 2018 at 09:13 PM

 Diane Robinson

“ *Diane Robinson lit a candle in memory of Everett Earl Olten Jr.*



Diane Robinson - April 25, 2018 at 05:28 AM

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“ *A beautiful soul gone too soon. Cost me a lot of quarters trying to beat him at foosball (which I never did) and ended up some of the best memories of my life. May he rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers for his beloved family.*



Sandra Whisenhunt - April 24, 2018 at 09:35 PM

CL

“ *Cheryl Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Everett Earl Olten Jr.*



Cheryl Lloyd - April 24, 2018 at 06:27 PM

CL

Butch was a very dear friend to me as he was to others, I met him at the Black Forest over a game of Foosball..and that was the beginning of our friendship so many years ago....I remember when he first met Karol, he was telling me all about her, they had already been out a few times and with that one of a kind laugh he had..he said " and she likes me back " with a grin from ear to ear .Butch " Everett " was a wonderful person and will always be in my heart, never forgotten ! My love and prayers go out to his family. I was so blessed to have known him

Cheryl Lloyd - April 24, 2018 at 06:50 PM

 Carol
Alix

“ *Everett was the most patient man - as a business associate I found him so easy to work with and I so appreciated his guidance as we would decide what would best fit our needs.*

Everett became more than a business associate, he became my friend. Love and prayers to Karol and his family in this sad time. He left his mark, sadness of those left behind speaks volumes about an individual. I am honored and blessed to have gotten to know Everett and to be able to call him my friend. He will be so missed.

Remember the good times and they will let you smile again. God Bless.

Carol Alix - April 24, 2018 at 03:29 PM

KA

“ *Kaz lit a candle in memory of Everett Earl Olten Jr.*



Kaz - April 22, 2018 at 07:19 PM

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“ *Butch was my best friend. I cannot limit myself to A best memory. we go back decades. He was a stand in preacher when I needed one. He was my probation officer when we went out to let loose. He was my best friend. He was truth. True to you and true to himself. He was a salesman superb. He did not know the meaning of the words NO or CAN'T DO to a customer. He made your order, or wishes come true. He was fun to be with and funny. I know he loved his family. He introduced me to trout fishing and I am forever grateful. We met over a shuffle board table at Player's on 15th and Lewis. I loved this man and miss him, but I carry him in my heart. My love and prayers go out to his family.*

kaz

Kaz - April 22, 2018 at 07:17 PM

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Teri French - April 20, 2018 at 02:25 PM