



Gary Parsons

April 13, 1932 - December 19, 2021

Gary Alan Parsons was born in Baxter Springs, Kansas on Wednesday, April 13, 1932, to Charles F. and Ida Mae (VanDusen) Parsons. He passed from this life to his eternal home in heaven on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at the age of 89 surrounded by his family.

Gary grew up in Baxter Springs, attending school there and graduated from Baxter Springs High School in 1950. He met and fell in love with Helen Eileen Johnson, and they married on March 1, 1952. They were happily married for 67 years until Helen's passing in 2019.

Gary began a 40-year career with American Airlines in 1952 and retired from there as Director of Production Control. He and Helen were the parents of one son and one daughter. He was a private pilot that enjoyed his quiet time flying his Grumman Tiger airplane. Additionally, he was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed coaching and watching sports. He also played basketball and was a member of the American Airlines "Gray Ghosts" softball team. Gary and Helen were charter members of St. Stephens United Methodist Church in Broken Arrow. In his spare time, Gary enjoyed playing golf, woodcarving, camping, raising cattle, and lake life. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are son Richard Parsons and his wife, Maria, of

Broken Arrow

Daughter DeAnn Duggins and her husband, Pat, of Broken Arrow

4 Grandchildren: Eric W. Pearson and his wife, Leigh

Hayden Combe, and her husband, Justin

Patrick Duggins, and his wife, Amber

Paula Amsden

Keith Amsden

Numerous great grandchildren, other family members and friends

Those who preceded him in death were his parents, Charles F. and Ida Mae Parsons Henderson, his wife, Helen Eileen, stepfather, Frank. S. Henderson, and two stepbrothers (John and Jim).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to St. Stephens Methodist Church Care Ministries, and/or a charity of your personal choosing.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 S. Memorial Dr.
Tulsa, OK 74145
(918) 627-0220
<http://memorialparktulsa.com>

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **29**. 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

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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1660 South Elm Place
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Funeral Service

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Stephens United Methodist Church
400 W. New Orleans
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Graveside Service

DEC 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Parsons

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ I am just now learning about Gary's departure and so sorry to hear about it. I met Gary at our work place.in the early 1950's. Became good friends with him and Helen. Besides work we did many things together. Fishing, hunting flying. New Year's celebrations. He was an awesome guy. We kinda lost touch in later years.and I missed that. Rest in Peace Gary.

Bob Gordon

Robert (Bob) E Gordon - August 15, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 30, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MS

“ Gary will be deeply missed. He was such a wonderful person and meant so much to all that knew him. I will miss, no matter how old I got, he always called me "Kiddo". My deepest condolences to Rich and Deann and the entire family.
~Michele S.



Michele Singleton - December 30, 2021 at 03:28 PM

CS

“ I remember helping Mr. Parsons rebuild the hull of an old Chris Craft boat. The boat was upside down on the ground and I was small enough to crawl underneath to mark boards for cutting. When Mr. Parsons finished the boat was the most beautiful wood boat I'd ever seen. Watched a master craftsmen bring back a run-down boat to perfection. RIP Mr. Parsons.
Thoughts and prayers to Helen, DeAnn, Rich and the rest of the family.

Court Slemaker - December 30, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JS

“ The Parson's family was one of the first families we met when my family moved to Broken Arrow. Mr Parsons was always great to me and everyone in my family, a welcoming figure whenever I came over to hang out with Rich. He was a generous and loving person and he will be missed by his family and friends, and all those he touched in his long life.

Jim Slemaker - December 30, 2021 at 02:15 AM

BM

“ A good friend who was always willing do anything to help anyone I enjoyed working with him in fellowship at the church, always happy. He shared pheasant when he got home from hunting each year. Prayers for his family.

Bev McCutchan - December 27, 2021 at 07:01 PM

BL

“ Bob and Gigi Lavender purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Parsons.



Bob and Gigi Lavender - December 27, 2021 at 01:21 PM

DJ

“ We were in OK in the late 90's for my Grandmothers funeral and Uncle Gary took my brother and me to the Will Rogers Museum and Gun Museum. It turned out to be one of the most memorable days of my life. It was so much fun, and Uncle Gary had a ton of great stories! Gary was one of the most laid back, interesting people I have ever known. I wish we were not separated by so many miles so we could have spent more time together with our OK family. To Deeann and Pat and Rich and Maria and family I am so sorry for your loss, but rest assured that Gary is now back together with Aunt Helen. Dennis Johnson and family

dennis johnson - December 24, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Parsons.*



December 23, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *We were saddened by the news of Gary's passing. Gary was a good friend. Gary was always optimistic and friendly to everyone. We enjoyed seeing Gary and Helen at the TU basketball games for many years. I have missed, and will continue to miss Gary at our Tuesday morning breakfasts. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Howard and Virginia Hensley*

Howard Hensley - December 22, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *"HE MEANT SO MUCH TO US ALL"*

I knew Gary about 27 years. He was one of the most well liked and influential people I have ever known--- A great role model in all aspects of live. He was admired for how he enjoyed retirement and was often called the "King of Mosey". I will miss him but will enjoy so many great memories.

Bob Lavender

Bob Lavender - December 22, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Parsons family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Gary.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 19, 2021 at 06:45 PM