



Neely W Kimbrough

October 14, 1930 - October 9, 2021

Neely Wilson Kimbrough was born in Amarillo, Texas on Tuesday, October 14, 1930, to Morton William and Marjorie Alice (Neely) Kimbrough. He passed from this life on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the age of 90.

Neely was the oldest of 5 children and the only boy with 4 sisters. He was raised by his mother and stepfather. He was a talented athlete in High School playing football, basketball and running on the track team. He also was active in school drama productions at Hereford, Texas High School. He graduated in 1949 and went on to spend one year at Rice University until he transferred to his beloved University of Oklahoma, where he graduated with his bachelor's degree in geological engineering in 1953. He was recruited during his senior year at Oklahoma by Shell Oil Company and began his career with them for seven years. He began his banking career with Arkansas Valley State Bank (AVSB) in 1962 as a lender. Named President in 1966 and Chief Executive Officer in 1984. He served as Chairman of the Board for 10-years, from 1990-2000, and remained on AVB's Board of Directors. He served as an AVB Board Member until his passing. He was inducted into the 50-Year Club of the Oklahoma Bankers Association in 2019 for his 50+ years of service to the banking industry. Anyone who knew Neely, without a doubt, recognized that when they conducted business with Neely, they became a personal relationship to him. He was invested in his customer's challenges and their successes. He was quoted as saying, "Banking is a people business, and

trust is essential in building a relationship. I loved every minute of it!”

Ted Cundiff, President and CEO at AVB Bank said “Neely was a friend and mentor to numerous employees at AVB Bank and a multitude of members throughout the Broken Arrow community. His life is to be celebrated for his great accomplishments during his tenure at AVB. He had a servant heart and followed that passion the same way that he has always done in business... one personal relationship at a time. He served this Bank for six decades and played a tremendous role in our Bank’s history and growth. Neely Kimbrough leaves behind a significant legacy and will be greatly missed.”

Neely was the father of three children, Kelley, Doug and Sally. He married Kathy Linell on March 30, 1986. He loved working and raising cattle, horse race, sports, especially the OU Sooners and played golf at both Meadowbrook and then Cedar Ridge Country Clubs, where at times served as Club President. He was also a member of the BA High School Quarterback Club. He and Kathy loved to travel and attend performances at the Tulsa PAC. His family described him as quiet, conservative and treated everyone with the same respect, was able to listen to everyone’s point of view and remain objective throughout the process. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Neely’s name to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at www.stjude.org

Those left to cherish his memory are wife, Kathy, of their home in Broken Arrow

Daughter Kelley Rash of Broken Arrow

Daughter Sally Wilton of Oklahoma City

Sister Carlie Warren (Don) of Dimmitt, Texas

Sister Patsy Hart (John) of Piney Flatts, Tennessee
4 Grandchildren: Sara, Cooper, Henry and Samuel
2 Great Grandchildren: Lottie and August
And many nieces, nephews and cousins

Those who preceded him in death are his parents, Morton and Marjorie Kimbrough, two sisters, Terry Kosub and Linda Janes, and his son James Douglas Kimbrough.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

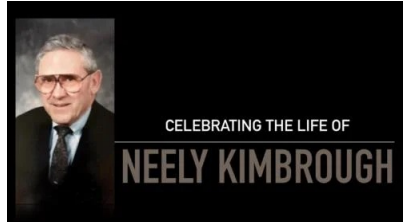
NOV **2**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Neely W Kimbrough*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 13, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Neely W Kimbrough*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Tom Beall lit a candle in memory of Neely W Kimbrough*



Tom Beall - November 02, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Neely W Kimbrough.*



November 01, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Neely was a friend when I really needed a friend. You will be missed Neely by many others I am sure. Rest In Peace.* ”

Ann Rogers - October 30, 2021 at 09:17 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 29, 2021 at 12:46 PM



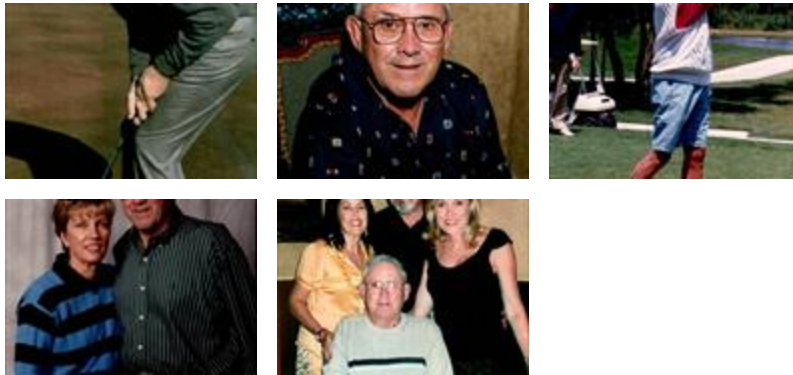
“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Neely W Kimbrough.* ”



October 28, 2021 at 03:34 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 28, 2021 at 12:12 PM

ST

“ Sewell & Taylor, Orbie Taylor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Neely W Kimbrough.



Sewell & Taylor, Orbie Taylor - October 22, 2021 at 02:21 PM

LJ

“ A good man that I enjoyed working with for many years. RIP Neely.

linda johnson - October 20, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JG

“ Jan Gordon lit a candle in memory of Neely W Kimbrough



Jan Gordon - October 20, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Neely W Kimbrough.



October 15, 2021 at 07:24 PM

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“ THE GIBSON AND STATE FARM FAMILY
purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for
the family of Neely W Kimbrough.



THE GIBSON AND STATE FARM FAMILY - October 15, 2021 at
09:58 AM

SC

“ *I love you Papa!*

Sara Cruncleton - October 15, 2021 at 12:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for
the family of Neely W Kimbrough.



October 13, 2021 at 05:43 PM

JM

“ *Neely you are loved and will be missed greatly.* 🌸

Joann Morris - October 13, 2021 at 06:45 AM

DP

“ *We are lifting the family up in prayer. Such a wonderful man and
Kathy was so devoted to him.
Your Fyzical Family.*

Deena Price - October 11, 2021 at 09:32 AM

TR

“ *Neely was a great friend and he will be missed! Fly high dear friend 🙏💔😭*



tonya ragsdale - October 10, 2021 at 02:58 PM

HH

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 09, 2021 at 10:05 AM