



## Ray Utt

February 26, 1929 - September 20, 2025

Raymond Eugene Utt was born on Tuesday, February 26, 1929 in Shidler, Oklahoma to parents Walter and Hattie (Dix) Utt. He left Tulsa, Oklahoma to meet his Lord and Savior on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the age of 96. Ray was one of four children raised in Oklahoma and he saw a lot of change in his lifetime. Ray served in the United States Air Force and served in the Stars and Stripes as a photographer. He had the opportunity to photograph some famous people such as the marriage of Queen Elizabeth, Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. After completing his service he met this lovely young lady, the former Betty Hammer. He was smitten and after their courtship and engagement they were married in Earlsboro, Oklahoma on Friday, June 15, 1956. They were married 68 years upon her passing, January 15, 2025.

Ray then became the photographer for Cities Service being with them over 35 years and had many opportunities to travel the world. He was a member of the Professional Photographers of Oklahoma, serving as President for many years. During his time, he was highly awarded for his photographs. His true joy was taking pictures and then making picture books and giving them to those folks he photographed. He loved camping with Betty and others in the Rainy-Day Campers group at St. Stephens United Methodist Church of which they were founding members. Ray was an avid OU football and ORU basketball fan.

Those left to remember him fondly are his Children, James Utt and Kimela of

Crested Butte, Colorado, Elizabeth David and Daryl of Park Hill, Oklahoma, Sherri Bennett and Robert of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Grandchildren, Jamison Utt, Nicolette Utt, Jeremy Utt, Jennifer Woestman and Spencer, Cassi Walters and Chris, Cody David and Rueben and Great-grandchildren, Cole Woestman, Hannah Woestman, Caleb Walters, and Caelyn Walters.

Proceeded in death by his parents, Walter and Hattie Utt, loving wife Betty and siblings Juanita Utt, Darlene Sorenson, Donald Utt.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to The Clare House in his honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 252-2518

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **26.** 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

SEP **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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SEP **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Video Tribute*



**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - September 27, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ 22 files added to the album *Family*



**sherri** - September 27, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Phil & Susie Mitchell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ray Utt.*



**Phil & Susie Mitchell** - September 26, 2025 at 03:42 PM

MM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mel and Brenda Martin - September 26, 2025 at 02:51 PM

MM

“ Brenda and I have wonderful memories of the many times we were with Ray and Betty over the last 50 years. I have two large albums of pictures of a group of photography friends that Ray took from 2002 to 2012 at our monthly get togethers for dinner and just catching up with each other. Ray and Betty were truly wonderful friends and we miss them both.

Mel and Brenda Martin - September 26, 2025 at 12:26 AM



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

September 25, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray Utt.



September 25, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ *The David's, The Kennedy's, The Hollands purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ray Utt.*



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**The David's, The Kennedy's, The Hollands** - September 24, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ray Utt.*



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September 24, 2025 at 03:32 PM

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“ *I worked with Ray back at Cities Service during the late 1960s. I remember him as a kind and caring person. He was a model for me in my life.*

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**Ronald L Coates** - September 24, 2025 at 08:26 AM

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“ *Dottie Schwartzkopf and family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Ray Utt.*



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**Dottie Schwartzkopf and family** - September 23, 2025 at 11:46 AM

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“ Dottie Schwartzkopf and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Utt.

Dottie Schwartzkopf and family - September 23, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JR

“ Judy & Bob Ray purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Ray Utt.



Judy & Bob Ray - September 22, 2025 at 06:09 PM

HH

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



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 22, 2025 at 09:43 AM

MS

My sincere condolences to Ray's family and loved ones. Ray was such a kind and genuine person and it was my honor to have known him and Betty. I am sure they are rejoicing together in the presence of our Lord.

Michele Singleton - September 22, 2025 at 12:14 PM