



## Arthur "Art" Martin Radke

January 31, 1930 - May 28, 2024

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at The Journey Home in Bartlesville, Art Radke entered his final victory and received the inheritance he was promised at his baptism. To God be all praise and glory as we celebrate the life of Arthur (Art) M. Radke and rejoice in his victory over death through Christ.

Art was born on January 31, 1930, in Chelsea, Oklahoma, to Martin George Henry Radke and Frieda Maria Katharina (Doenig) Radke, who sought to raise him in the fear and admonition of the Lord. He was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Adair.

Art grew up on a farm outside of Chelsea, received his eight-year parochial school education, and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1949. Following graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force for an active four-year term, which was then extended by the Air Force to a four-year inactive or standby duty. He served during the Korean War and was assigned to the European theatre as part of the last occupation forces. Art was able during this time to continue pursuing his educational goals, specializing in ground and aerial photography as well as electronics.

God blessed Art with the gift of a loving and supportive wife, Jo Ann (Brown) Radke, who shared his life for 63 years. Art and Jo Ann married on August 18, 1956, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Adair, Oklahoma. The Lord blessed

the couple with three precious children: Lisa, Curtis, and Susan.

Art was both a methods engineer and a design engineer for components in the aircraft and aerospace industry. Throughout his career he served as Plant Manager, General Manager, and finally President of Electro National Corporation in Canton, Mississippi.

One of the accomplishments of which Art was proudest was his involvement in the design and development of several of the life support sub-systems for the Lunar Module. Following an explosion and near disaster of Apollo 13, the Lunar module was used as a lifeboat for the safe return of its crew to earth.

Following his Honorable Discharge, Art returned to Oklahoma and was actively involved at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Tulsa. He served on various committees, including Chairman of the Building Committee for a major expansion program at Our Savior. After moving to Bartlesville, Art and Jo Ann were active members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Art was also involved with and served as Chairman of the Oklahoma District Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Frieda Radke; his sisters, Mildred Schnackenberg (Bud), Viola Schulze (Milton), and Lorna Goedecke (Martin); his children, Curtis Lynn (27) and Susan Kay (13) Radke, both of whom died of Cystic Fibrosis; and his wife Jo Ann (Brown) Radke. Art is survived by his daughter, Lisa Lessing of Bartlesville, OK; his grandchildren, Abi Eaton (Adam), Jonathan Lessing, Lori Fountain (AJ), all of Fort Collins, Colorado; and four great-grandchildren, Meryl, Abel, Asher, and Simone; his sister, Naomi Radke of Paris, Texas; his brother-in-law, Vernon Brown; and sister-in-law, Beth Rumble; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to The Journey

Home, 900 NE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Visitation will be held from 12-5 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006, 918-333-7665.

Funeral services for Mr. Radke will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 3, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bartlesville, with the Rev. William Shupe officiating. Private family interment will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery in Adair, OK. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery

Adair, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

## Funeral Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
3700 SE Woodland Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
<http://0040126.netsolhost.com/index.shtml>

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ I love Mr. Radke. He showed me how to be a good worker, how to be on time for work, how to do my very best. How to do my work nearly, etc. I started working on the assembly line and because of God and Me Radke, when I left Electro National after 38 years, I had worked my way to Quality Manger. My name is Alice Johnson. I still live in Canton, Ms. My sincere condolences to you and your family 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Alice Johnson - September 27, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JW

“ Hello Lisa, this is James Williams from Electro national in Canton MS. I'm heartbroken to learn of the passing of your father. I helped him remodel his house on Avondale road here in Canton. I learned so much from him. May God comfort you and keep you.

James. jlwilliams25@hotmail.com

James Williams - September 26, 2024 at 11:26 AM

HP

Lisa, I am Helen Parker, worked at Electro National . My heart was saddened to hear of your father. He Departed so much into all the employees. His memories will live on for ever. Praying for the family

helen parker - September 27, 2024 at 08:49 AM

MN

“ Lisa, You and your family are on our thoughts and prayers!  
Hugs and prayers! Jerry and Mary Nichols

Mary Nichols - May 31, 2024 at 09:15 PM

DE

“ I took George Peper one time for a visit at his home very nice man.



Debora - May 31, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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“ Debora lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Art" Martin Radke



Debora - May 31, 2024 at 11:46 AM

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“ Always remember Art's wit and joyful nature! He made everyone feel valued and I enjoyed visiting with him at numerous family reunions and other gatherings. Blessings of comfort to Lisa and other family members ❤️

Carol Beranek (Fruendt) - May 30, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" Martin Radke.



May 30, 2024 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ *Josie W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Art" Martin Radke.*

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**Josie W.** - May 30, 2024 at 02:59 PM

SJ

“ *Lisa Radke Lessing, I'll never forget meeting your dad at Mildred's funeral in Bartlesville a couple years ago. It was great talking with you both at that time. I could see how you received your Love of the Lord Jesus Christ and your kind, servant spirit. God's blessings to you as you refocus your life. Love, Sarah Jensen*

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**Sarah Jensen** - May 30, 2024 at 01:04 PM