



Barry Lowe

April 9, 1945 - December 4, 2014

Barry W. Lowe passed from this life Thursday, December 4, 2014.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Grace Community Church with Pastor Rod MacIvaine officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #105 Honor Guard. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Barry Wilbur Lowe was born April 9, 1945 in Pottsville, PA to Wilbur and Grace Laverne (Snyder) Lowe. He graduated from Pottsville High School in 1963, earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering degree from Lafayette College and later his M.B.A. from Oklahoma State University. Barry proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as an infantry advisor in the U.S. Army. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge and was honorably discharged as a Captain. He married Kristin Mary Brown on January 22, 1972 in El Paso, TX. They made their home in Bartlesville, OK where they put down roots and raised their family. Together they remained active within the community until her death on September 27, 2003. Barry's initiative and drive can be seen throughout his career in engineering. After working for Proctor and Gamble in operations, he joined Phillips Petroleum Company in 1974. He held management positions in construction, operations, research and development, process design and project management until his

retirement in 2000. His tenacity and fortitude persisted throughout his retirement when he met and married Karen Sue Henry on April 2, 2005. With her by his side, he continued his community involvement by establishing the Lowe Family Young Scholars program in 2006 providing mentorship and college scholarships to academically promising, yet economically disadvantaged students. He also provided funding for an endowment to support the scholarships for generations to come. Further accomplishments and influences included: serving on the Board of Education for ten years, four of those as President, publishing "It Never Stops Taking" in 2012 chronicling his journey through Parkinson's as told through his own journal and being an active member of the Bartlesville American Legion Post #105 Honor Guard. Barry has been recognized for his achievements and contributions both in his career and in the Bartlesville community, receiving the following awards and honors: Phillips Petroleum Outstanding Engineer in Management Award in 1997, The Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award in 2002, The Oklahoma all-State Board of Education in 2006, Buddy Spencer Leadership Award 2006, Most Progressive Citizen of Bartlesville in 2008, The Ray Steiner Champions Award from the Big Brothers-Big Sisters Award in 2009, The AARP Oklahoma Top 50 award in 2010, Bartlesville Living Legend by Bartlesville Magazine in 2012. Over the years Barry has enjoyed two-stepping and square dancing, yard work landscaping, softball, fast cars and following OSU sports as an avid football fan. Tenacious with a strong will to persist, Barry was a man who could make his presence known without a word - a man who carried himself with brilliance, authority and without regret.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wilbur and Grace Laverne Lowe, his wife Kris Lowe and sister Sharon Joy Hepner.

Barry is survived by his wife Karen, brother Tom Lowe of Frackville, PA, daughters Melissa Marie Wade and husband Johnny of Owasso, OK and Jennafer Grace Gorton and husband Cliff of Skiatook, OK. Stepdaughter

Megan Gill and husband Bryce of Louisville, KY and stepson Jason Henry of Stillwater, OK. He was blessed with three grandchildren; Kristy Wade, Braden and Jacob Gorton, friend Bill Woodard, numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. Special thanks to the caregivers who blessed Barry's life through their kindness and tender care: Franceisco, Tina, Blanca, Colby, Molly and Joy. Also, thanks to Lorie, Mary, Missy and Kristin from Cornerstone Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Lowe Family Young Scholars, P.O. Box 33, Bartlesville, OK 74005.

Casket Bearers will be: Johnny Wade, Cliff Gorton, Bill Woodard, Franceisco Carreno, Frank Jordan, Gary Quinn and Honorary - Ron Jones.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dianna Burks lit a candle in memory of Barry Lowe*



dianna burks - February 27, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ Posted by Thomas Lowe from Frackville , Pennsylvania
RIP Scrub! I will miss you!
12/05/2014 at 12:29pm

Posted by Robin Colvin from Ochelata, Oklahoma
Karen, So sorry for your loss. Barry was a wonderful, kind and generous person. He will be greatly missed. Joe and Robin Colvin
12/06/2014 at 05:37am

Posted by Destony Tucker from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Barry- You are one of the greatest men I have ever met. I am so glad that you were a part of my life. You helped shape me into the person I am today. The Lowe Family Young Scholars Program was the best thing that could have happened to me. Through this program, I made a new family that taught me everything I need. I have always thought of you and Karen as the greatest grandparents a person could ask for. You will always be in my memories and heart. I love you and may you rest in peace.
12/06/2014 at 08:39am

Posted by Malinda Brown from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Barry, "Because I knew you I have been changed for Good" You, our hero, will remain in our hearts forever. Love, Melody Brown-Clark and Malinda Brown
12/06/2014 at 06:14pm

Posted by Sharon Blythe from Austin, Texas
Melissa and Jenna, I am deeply sadden to hear of your loss! He left a legacy of hope, and you can be proud of that. With love, Sharon
12/07/2014 at 12:50pm

Posted by Ms. Jenny Fields from BARTLESVILLE, Oklahoma
Mr. Lowe had a heart of GOLD, when it came to wanting to serve children. Being of limited income, yet seeing much promise in my granddaughter, he laughed ,when I boldly called the # listed in the phone book, inquiring of how to get her on the program, "well I

guess you talk to me" he said. Then he explained how attitude, personal commitment and effort in grades were a must. Hope turned a 180 and is still in the Lowe Family Young Scholars program .Mr. Lowe always had hope for Hope. He even called personally to check on her progress, which touched this Granny's heart. The answer to prayer may not of been what we wanted yet he walks healed with Jesus, leaving behind a Legacy of Hope for the youth left here on earth!

12/09/2014 at 02:19am

Carter Davis - January 14, 2019 at 02:28 PM