



Charles "Charlie" Hubbard Leigh

November 14, 1933 - December 5, 2023

Charles "Charlie" Hubbard Leigh (age 90) of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2023, with family by his side. Charles was born to Dr. Harry Leigh and Mary Neighbors Leigh November 14, 1933 in El Paso, TX. He graduated from Austin High School (El Paso) in 1952 then entered Texas Western College (now the University of Texas El Paso) majoring in chemistry.

Upon graduation in 1957, Charles joined Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville as a research chemist. He entered the army in the same year as a 2nd Lt. in anti-aircraft artillery, serving six months active duty. Upon completion of his military service, he returned to Phillips as a chemist at their Plains Copolymer Plant in Borger, Texas. In 1965, he was transferred to the Phillips R&D facility in Bartlesville, where he retired in 1992 after 35 years of service. Charles met Marjorie Ruth (Bloom) Leigh at Phillips and they were married in January of 1968.

Charles actively pursued hobbies and activities throughout his life, including competitive rifle shooting, model railroading, photography, gardening, and volunteering at the Bartlesville Community Center. He was also active in the senior social community. Charles loved to laugh and was a lively conversationalist with an encyclopedic knowledge of science, history, planes, trains, and automobiles.

Charles was preceded in death by his sister Barbara (Leigh) Rees of El Paso, TX, ex-wife Marjorie Ruth (Bloom) Leigh of Bartlesville, OK, and his close companion Helen Alice (Moses) Goodwin of Bartlesville, OK. Survivors include one son James Edward Leigh, daughter-in-law Grace Songmei (Yang) Leigh, and grandson Edward Jiahang Leigh, of Ladera Ranch, CA, one daughter Mary Beth Leigh of Fairbanks, AK, niece Amy Rees Russell of Brooklyn, NY, niece Molly Newman (Rees) Rich of CO, great-niece Dr. Madeline Russell of Philadelphia, PA, and great-nephew Alex Russell of Los Angeles, CA. Charles is also survived many nieces, nephews, and their children and grandchildren from the Bloom, Vives, and Hopper families.

The family is grateful to all of his caretakers, especially the staff of Bartlesville Assisted Living and Green Country Village for their attentive care of Charles in his final years of life.

In accordance with Charles' wishes, his ashes will be spread on the grounds behind his beloved childhood residence in El Paso, Texas, a historic home commissioned by his parents and designed by architect Mabel Welch. Services will be private. Friends may wish to give to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Janice Holland lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Hubbard Leigh*



Janice Holland - January 04, 2024 at 09:46 AM

KC

“ *My sincere condolences. I worked in the lab next to Charlie when I first started at the research center. Charlie was such a spark of light & added joy to the day with his wit, humor & views on life. He always made me feel welcome & included. Love & hugs to all his family & friends. He will be greatly missed...*

Kathy Clear

Kathy Clear - December 28, 2023 at 01:54 PM

MS

“ *Mary Street lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Hubbard Leigh*



Mary Street - December 09, 2023 at 07:14 PM

BW

“ R.I.P. ol buddy. Charlie was a good friend and guidance counselor when I came to work at Phillips in 1978. He helped me in many ways at work and at home. He took care of my garden when I went away. He drove me to OKC when I had an eye injury. We shared many interests. I remember he stood and applauded MaryBeth in the Nutcracker. I joined him. I have and will continue to remember him fondly.

Bill Whitte

Bill Whitte - December 07, 2023 at 10:22 PM

ML

Thank you so much for your memories, Bill. My brother and I are so happy to hear from you. We were searching for you online in hopes of letting you know the news. You were such a wonderful friend to him and he always spoke so highly of you. Hope you're doing well.

Mary Beth Leigh - December 08, 2023 at 10:09 PM