



Donald "Joe" Brooks

May 11, 1931 - September 30, 2022

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, DONALD JOE BROOKS DIED AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

JOE SPENT HIS EARLY YEARS IN COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS. DURING WWII, THE FAMILY MOVED FROM COFFEYVILLE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN ORDER FOR HIS FATHER TO CONTINUE HIS UNIQUE WELDING SKILLS ON NAVAL EQUIPMENT. JOE CONTINUED TO LIVE IN CALIFORNIA AFTER THE WAR ENDED. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE AND LAW SCHOOL. HE WAS A CLAIMS ADJUSTER AND HE MANAGED THE CLAIMS IN THE SOUTHERN THIRD OF CALIFORNIA. HE MARRIED MARY MAGDALENE SLOAN AND HAD TWO SONS, DAVID AND STEVEN. THE YOUNGEST SON, STEPHEN, DIED IN CALIFORNIA IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT WHEN HE WAS TWO.

AFTER RETIREMENT, JOE AND MARY RETURNED TO THE MIDWEST AND PURCHASED A HOME IN BARTLESVILLE. HIS WIFE, MARY, AND HIS SON, DAVID, BOTH DIED WHILE IN BARTLESVILLE.

JOE LOVED TO READ AND WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HISTORICAL BOOKS. HE LOVED RESEARCHING THE DICTIONARY FOR NEW WORDS TO ADD TO HIS VOCABULARY. HE WAS ACTIVE AT THE 55+ ACTIVITY CENTER IN BARTLESVILLE AND SERVED ON THE BOARD.

HE ENJOYED LINE DANCING AND BALLROOM DANCING.

FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS OF HIS LIFE JOE HAD A SPECIAL DANCE PARTNER, LORETTA CHANEY, WITH WHOM HE SHARED MANY INTERESTS. TOGETHER THEY TRAVELED WITH LORETTA'S FAMILY AND SPENT MANY HOLIDAYS IN HER VACATION HOME IN BRANSON. THEY ENJOYED THE HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN OKLAHOMA CITY WITH THIS EXTENDED FAMILY.

JOE WAS WITTY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. HE WAS A GREAT CONVERSATIONALIST. HE WAS ALWAYS DRESSED PROFESSIONALLY AND LOVED HIS NUMEROUS CLOTHING CHOICES.

HE WAS PREDECEASED BY HIS WIFE, HIS TWO SONS, AND LORETTA CHANEY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS EXTENDED FAMILY WHO WILL TRULY MISS HIM AND HIS SMILE.

A PRIVATE BURIAL WAS HELD AND A GRAVESIDE SERVICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006