



Frank William Riehart

April 6, 1938 - December 7, 2024

Frank William Riehart, 86, of Bartlesville, passed away on Saturday, December 7, 2024, in Bartlesville.

Born on April 6, 1938, in Bartlesville to Frank and Ellen (Brooks) Riehart, Frank was raised and educated in the area, graduating from College High in 1956. He furthered his education at NEO in Miami, OK, before completing an architecture degree at Oklahoma State University. He was a member of the Glee Club, Delta Chi fraternity, Engineering Gavel Club, Student Council, and a member of the American Institute of Architects and Engineers. While at OSU, Frank noticed a young lady but was unsure how to approach her. Fortunately, his roommate was acquainted with her, leading to some coffee and light conversation. Not long after, Frank spent a semester studying at the Palais de Fontainebleau, located just outside Paris, France. During this time, he wrote Karel a postcard or letter each day. However, just three days before his return, Karel left for California to embark on her teaching career. Yet, something seemed to pull her back to Oklahoma—perhaps it was fate. Upon his return, Frank convinced her that they were meant to be together, and they married on June 5, 1965.

Frank spent his summers working for the forest service, while Karel dreamed of moving west. Their journey began in Salem, Oregon, where they lived for four years before relocating to Littleton, Colorado, for nine years. They then

moved to Spring, Texas, near Houston, for two years, and finally returned to the west, settling in Federal Way, Washington, for another two years. Frank convinced Karel and the children that his hometown of Bartlesville enjoyed more sunshine than the northwest. Throughout his career, Frank has worked on architecture and construction management projects across the country. Highlights of his career included working with the I.M.PEI office on a bank in Lincoln, Nebraska, being in charge of the design and construction of a high-rise bank in the Chicago area, and working with the Gary Sparks firm on the T. Boone Pickens football stadium at OSU.

Frank and Karel shared a deep love for travel, with Frank taking charge of research and planning. They began exploring with their daughters, Kara and Rachael and created countless memorable trips with their grandchildren, Alex and Evan. They traveled far and wide, using every mode of transportation available. One of their greatest joys was engaging with fellow travelers and locals wherever they went. Some of their most unforgettable destinations included Sedona, the Canadian Rockies, Dubai, Alaska, Hawaii, Barcelona, and Switzerland. Frank designed their current home, drafting the plans and using his own hands during the construction. Although they moved in 1989, he still had ongoing and unfinished projects. He took pleasure in working in the yard and nurturing numerous houseplants. Together with Karel, they were longtime members of Bartlesville First Church, where he actively participated in various ministries, including renovation and repair projects for the former downtown building. Over the years, they loved and cared for several Boston Terriers, treating them as part of the family. Frank was cherished and will be deeply missed.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife of 59.5 years, Karel; two daughters, Kara Lynn Riehart and Rachael Breese; two grandchildren, Alex McGuire and Evan (Angela) McGuire; two nieces, Jan and Sharon; and three nephews, Dennis, Chris, and Mark. He is preceded in death by his parents, three sisters

—Frances Rainwater, Josephine Widowski, and Doris Smith—and a nephew, Larry Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bartlesville First Church, located at 4715 Price Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

A service will take place on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Bartlesville First Church, officiated by Rev. Dr. Greg Tener. Arrangements are under the guidance of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and memories can be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

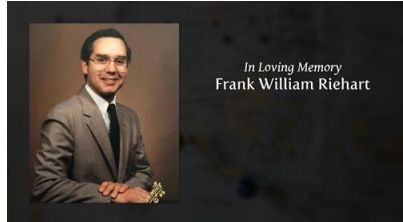
DEC 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bartlesville First Church
4715 Price Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank William Riehart*



Davis Family Funeral Home - December 12, 2024 at 09:16 PM



I will always love my dad till I see him again ❤️

Rachael Breese - December 13, 2024 at 08:11 PM

SH

“ *Frank was one of the most interesting guys I ever met. Upbeat almost to the end, full of life and ready to try new things. I'm proud to call him my best friend from about the time I first met him 65 years ago. We did a lot of things together--working summers for the USFS in Montana and Oregon, the same architecture classes at OSU (Frank was an excellent designer.), some travel together, and I could always camp at his house in Bartlesville. He loved life, was devoted to Karel and his family, and he loved the Lord. Frank was a man of high morals who valued other people and treated them with respect. It's hard to think he's gone, but I know I'll see him someday, with Jesus.*

Sam Hall - January 03, 2025 at 01:51 AM

TM

“ *The McGuire’s purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Frank William Riehart.*



The McGuire’s - December 12, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RF

“ *Rader Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Frank William Riehart.*



Rader Family - December 12, 2024 at 05:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Frank William Riehart.*



December 12, 2024 at 12:06 PM

RS

“ *Rodney S. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank William Riehart.*



Rodney S. - December 11, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RS

“ Rodney S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank William Riehart.

Rodney S. - December 11, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ My dad was the most loving and caring person I was lucky to have him as my dad and will always keep with me for a long time and my mom is a wonderful mother I love my parents for always.

Rachael Breese - December 10, 2024 at 06:16 PM

DG

“ So sorry to hear of Frank's passing. We know you will miss him. We have good memories of Frank and Carol in our Sunday school class at First Church in the 1990s. Frank inspected our first house we owned and few years later did a remodel job for us. Stayed in that house until Phillips moved us in 2003. Frank and Carol, thanks for becoming part of our Oklahoma memories. ❤️ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Dennis and Julie Glascock

Dennis Glascock - December 10, 2024 at 05:44 PM

AU

“ All of us! purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank William Riehart.



All of us! - December 10, 2024 at 01:48 PM

DP

“ *Dana and Jeff Pierce purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frank William Riehart.*



Dana and Jeff Pierce - December 10, 2024 at 12:13 PM