



## James "Nelson" Prator

June 5, 1921 - December 31, 2013

Nelson Prator passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, with Reverend Tom Cox officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

James Nelson Prator was born June 5, 1921 in Atlanta, TX to James Willie and Clara Mae (Elrod) Prator. As an only child growing up on a farm, Nelson developed a strong work ethic along with his love of hunting and fishing with his father. On November 11, 1943, Nelson married Mamilee Pipkin, who was the "prettiest girl he ever saw". They moved to Bartlesville, in 1947 from Texarkana, Texas and Nelson began his career as a cost accountant for the Phillips Petroleum Company. He retired from the company in November, 1982 after 35 years of dedicated service. After retirement, he enjoyed sharing the history of Frank and Jane Phillips as a docent, both at Woolaroc and the Frank Phillips Home. He also enjoyed a lifetime of hunting and fishing with friends and family, and especially with Mamilee. Nelson was an active member of First Baptist Church since 1947, serving as an ordained deacon, the Men's Ministry, and in the bus-transportation ministry. He was ever faithful in his church attendance and was dedicated to raising his children in a Christian home.

Nelson is survived by his two daughters: Kim and husband Jim Goss, and Jill and husband Richard Trolinger, all of Bartlesville. He was blessed with three grandchildren: Katy and husband Lyle Carden of Winston Salem, NC, Alexis and husband Steve Hailey of Fayetteville, AR, and Ellie Trolinger of Bartlesville. Also, two great grandchildren: Isabelle Carden, and Jack Hailey, along with many friends.

Nelson is now reunited with Mamilee, friends, family, and most importantly, at home with his Lord.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posted by A C Holden from Dewey, Oklahoma  
Nelson was a kind and gentle man that I respected.  
01/01/2015 at 10:55pm*

*Posted by Don Hudson from Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
Kim and Jill and families, I am so sorry to hear of Nelson's passing.  
He was such a great friend of Dad's. After Mom passed, your Dad  
would call my Dad EVERY night. And the stories Dad would tell of  
their trips to Arkansas!! It is good to know he is in a better place and  
they are all back together.  
01/02/2015 at 01:05am*

*Posted by Cathy Roberts from Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
I am so blessed to have know Nelson. I loved your smile that you  
always had on your face. I will miss you so much. You are in no  
more pain now and you are with the "Prettiest Girl In the World"  
again.  
01/05/2015 at 09:27pm*

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