



## O. E. "Pete" Cherry

February 11, 1931 - June 18, 2023

O. E. "Pete" Cherry passed away at home in Bartlesville on June 18. Pete was born on February 11, 1931, in Beggs, Oklahoma to Orville and Mary Cherry. He moved to Wewoka where his father worked in the oil fields until World War II. The family then moved to Pryor where Pete attended and graduated from Pryor High School. Pete graduated from N.E.O. A&M in 1951. While at N.E.O. he was a member of both the football and baseball teams. After graduation he joined the Navy where he spent four years in the air branch. Upon completion of his military service he joined Phillips Petroleum Company and worked in the Plastics Division in both plastics R&D and plastics marketing. He worked in Bartlesville, Los Angeles, Houston and the New York City area until his retirement in 1986 after 31 years of service. Pete held several positions in the Plastics Division including Sales Engineer in Los Angeles, Polypropylene Coordinator in Houston, Northeast Area Manager in New Jersey and Corporate Accounts Manager for the eastern portion of the country. He served on the boards of the homeowners' associations of Glynnwood Estates and at Meghan Coves on Grand Lake. He also served as the coordinator of the retirees for the United Way and as National President of the Philresters Club and volunteered at the Phillips Petroleum Co. Museum. He was a long time member of Hillcrest Country Club. Pete was known for his love of his family and his furry sidekick Sylvester, his quick wit, his great sense of humor and his infectious smile, his passion for OU football and his remarkable fishing skills.

The family would like to thank Dr. Scott Kenney for his guidance and Compassus Hospice for their love and care over the last two months, especially Katy, Shayla and Jeanie.

Pete is survived by his loving wife, Ann, to whom he was married for over 38 years, his son Michael Cherry of Royal Oak, Michigan, stepson and daughter-in-law Dr. Bradford and Kristin Barber of Bartlesville, granddaughter Dr. Olivia Kate Barber of Temple, Texas and grandsons Wyatt Cherry of Salem, Massachusetts and Noah Barber of Bartlesville. Also surviving are his cousin who was like a brother, Bill Boyce and his spouse Carolyn of Owasso, brothers- and sisters-in law George and Terry Dillman of Guthrie, Ernie and Charlotte Dillman of Watonga, and Abbie Cherry and Rick Stewart of Miami. He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers Michael Dale and Don and his sister Carolyn Stewart.

According to Pete's wishes, he was cremated, and there will be no services. His family will have a celebration of life at a later date. If you wish to make a donation in honor of Pete, please consider the Washington County SPCA, 16620 State HWY 123, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Services 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](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ My fondest memory of my cousin Pete happened early in our lives. I was about 12 years old and Pete 22 years when he drove me and his brother Mike and sister Carolyn to a pre teen dance in Miami, Ok. He sat us down and told us how to behave and not get into trouble. He was such a caring personable man and I admired him dearly. I am so thankful that I got to visit with Pete and Ann last year. My condolences to Ann, Mike and all his family.

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**Linda Holliday** - June 23, 2023 at 12:30 PM

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“ Pete, you were a wonderful husband and human being. You were so loved and are going to be so missed. You were so good to our sister and I can't thank you enough for that. One of these days, we will all be together.

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**Ernie Dillman** - June 21, 2023 at 11:14 PM