



## Othel Kelsey Deason Jr.

August 1, 1935 - November 10, 2023

Othel Kelsey Deason, Jr. peacefully passed away at the age of 88 with his beloved family by his side on November 10, 2023.

Othel was born on August 1, 1935 in Prague, Oklahoma. He graduated from Shawnee High School in 1953 and attended Northeastern A&M. Later, he earned his degree at Oklahoma State University.

Immediately after college, he joined the Army Reserves and married the love of his life, Gladys Shannon, in 1958. He started his career at Johnson Service as an Application Engineer and Service Sales Manager for nine years. He then spent eight years at Barber Colman Company as a Sales Engineer and Omaha Branch Manager. During his first two employments, he held a “Q” government security clearance, which required him to move nine times within a short time period, which was tough for the young family.

Following that, Othel moved his family to Bartlesville, OK, where Gladys and their two boys, Randy and Mike, lived and grew up next door to his parents on the farm. Othel dedicated twenty-five years to the Public Service Company of Oklahoma as a Commercial-Industrial Representative. Throughout his career, he also worked part-time as a consulting engineer.

Othel was an active New Harmony Baptist Church member and served as an

active deacon for twenty- four years in four different Southern Baptist Churches. As a Christian, his primary interests included the church, spending time with his family, camping with his friends at Wheels & Reel Club, gardening, listening to good music, traveling, and cheering on OSU football. In 2023, Othel and Gladys moved to Wray, Colorado to be closer to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gladys, along with their sons, Randy and his wife Shirley; Mike and his wife Jennifer; and Othel's younger brother, James. Grandchildren: Robyn and her husband Jake, Laura and her husband Clark, Rachel and Dillon. Great-grandchildren: Amelia, Ellie, and Dane. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Othel and Viola Deason, Sr., and his brothers, Paul, Jack, and sister Su.

A memorial will be held at the First Christian Church in Wray, Colorado on November 14, 2023. The graveside service will be at Garden Grove Cemetery. EW110 Rd. Prague, OK 74864 on November 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to New Harmony Baptist Church at 22050 North 4015 Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Garden Grove Cemetery

EW110 RD  
Prague, OK 74864

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Prague, OK 74864

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am just now learning of Othel,'s passing. Gladys was my maid of honor when I married in 1958, one month before she and Othel married. I have fond memories of the times we spent together. Condolences to the family. Tell Gladys her friend Elaine sends sympathy. Elaine Ratliff, Heber Springs,AR.

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**Elaine Ratliff** - January 25, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Othel Kelsey Deason Jr..



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November 15, 2023 at 04:27 PM

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“ I enjoyed knowing Othel. He and Gladys always made a person feel better after spending time with them.

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**Lois Lewis** - November 13, 2023 at 11:04 PM