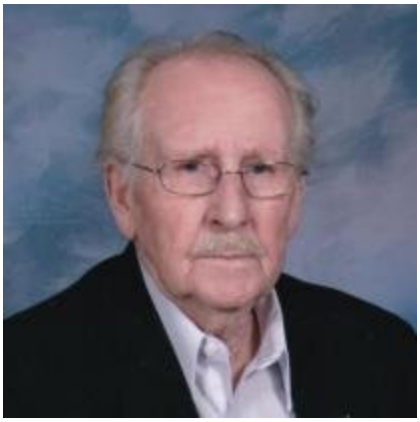

Darrel Catlege

October 2, 1925 - January 18, 2025

Darrel Catlege, age 99 of Okla. City, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2025. Born October 2, 1925 in Trousdale, OK, Darrel was the 7th of 9 children born to Oscar C. Catlege and Oma (Hudson) Catlege. He was raised in Lexington where he attended school. Darrel answered the call to serve his country in World War II, and joined the United States Navy at the age of 17 where he was stationed on the aircraft carrier Wake Island in the South Pacific. After his return from the war, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Claxton on February 6, 1949. They first made their home in Okla. City where they raised two children, daughter Beverly and son Ron. Darrel worked at Tinker Air Force Base for more than 25 years and simultaneously owned and operated Darrel's Barber Shop in Okla. City, retiring after more than 60 years. He genuinely loved people and the relationships he formed with many of his clients throughout his barbering career. In 1982, Darrel and Dorothy returned home to Lexington where he enjoyed working on his farm raising miniature horses, cattle, rabbits, and chickens, and he especially enjoyed working with wood. He was a master carpenter, sharing his many talents with his family and friends. He customized cabinets, built China cabinets, and even built 2 homes on Lake Eufaula for his family. Darrel was a man of great faith and longtime member of the Lexington United Methodist Church. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a true friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Dorothy Catlege; son, Ron Catlege; parents, Oscar and Oma Catlege and siblings, Truman Catlege, Lorene Mitchell, Kenneth Catlege, Hazel Christianson, Mildred Bush, Wyman Catlege and Dayman Catlege.

Darrel is survived by: his daughter, Beverly Skaggs and Steve Slater of Okla. City; Brother Jim Catlege and wife Lajuana of Okla. City; sister-in-law, Norma Catlege of Norman; Dennis Skaggs and Debbie Phares of Houston. He cherished his three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; Brian Skaggs and wife Audra, Merit and Jhett of Lexington, Matt Skaggs and wife Elizabeth; Claira, Gracelyn and Canon of Okla. City, and Kesha Colbert, Tristian and Hunter of Okla. City; his many nieces and nephews,and a host of other family and friends. His family offers appreciation to the staffs of Meadow Lake retirement Village, Golden Age Home Health, and Bristol Hospice, special thanks to Amber, Sharieka, and chaplin Jamie B.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Little’s Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery in Okla. City. www.wilsonlittle.com

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens

500 SW 104th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73139

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN **24**. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson-Little ~ Purcell
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-6543

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Little's Chapel
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
http://www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

CJ

I have many, many fond memories of Uncle Darrel. He married my mom's sister. And as a child our combined families spent lots of time together. Darrel loved to fish with my dad. But what I remember most is the interaction between him and my aunt Dorothy! I thought they were so funny together. I cherish those memories. I remember him as a kind man, and he was quite dapper too! He will be truly missed by so many.

Cindy Johnsey - January 22, 2025 at 10:26 PM