



Elbert "Butch" Hiatt

December 25, 1940 - July 9, 2022

Butch Hiatt, age 81 of Stillwater, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2022. Elbert Christian Hiatt was born December 25, 1940, in Alva, Oklahoma, the oldest of four sons born to Edwin Clarence Hiatt and Addie Mae (Riecker) Hiatt. He was raised in Wellington, Kansas, and attended school there, graduating with the Crusaders Class of 1958. Butch then attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and it was there he met a young lady from Ponca City, OK named Carolyn Hallmark. They fell in love and were married on May 25, 1962, in Ponca City. They eventually settled in Bixby where they raised their two children, son Eric and daughter Kelly. At this time, Butch worked for Emery Air Freight, an air freight forwarding company, retiring after 20 years of dedicated service. He then began working for Oklahoma State University, as the Director of Central Mailing (later University Mailing), retiring in 2006 after nearly 20 years of service. During that time he served as the president of the Southwest Association of College and University Mail Services. Butch was a hard worker and a life-long learner. He took many classes during his life, and after retirement, he completed both a Master's degree and, at the age of 78, a Doctorate from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a man of great faith, and passionate about sharing his faith. He served as Associate Pastor of Longwood Baptist Church (later known as Cornerstone) in Ponca City as well as serving as a deacon and elder at other churches throughout his life. Away from work, Butch enjoyed bowling and participated in several area tournaments. He was a longtime supporter of Oklahoma State

University, although in his heart, he remained an avid fan of OU Sooners Football and athletics. He loved to travel and was fortunate to see many places in the world, and he particularly liked visiting Alaska. He insisted that his grandchildren see the world and accompanied them on a trip of their choosing once they had graduated high school. Butch loved researching family genealogy, and when given the chance, he would tell you all about it. He found love once again, and in 2016, he married Wilma (Caldwell) Wehr. Butch loved the Lord, he cherished his family, and he sacrificed much to provide for them all. No matter the need, he loved unconditionally. He was a wonderful husband and father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, brother, and a true friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Carolyn Hiatt; his parents, Edwin and Addie Mae Hiatt and his brothers, Stanley, Bob, and Eddie Hiatt. Butch is survived by: his wife, Wilma Hiatt of the home; son Eric Hiatt and wife Marla of Moose Pass, Alaska; daughter Kelly Ridgway and husband Mike of Rosedale, OK; stepdaughter Jodie Kennedy and husband Stan of Stillwater, OK; grandchildren, Chris Ridgway and wife Rachel of Maysville, OK, Joshua Ridgway of Wilburton, OK, Arizona Ridgway of Norman, OK, Emmett Hiatt of Moose Pass, Alaska, step-grandchildren Branden Kennedy and wife Summer of Austin, TX and J.T. Kennedy and wife Jessica of Ft. Worth, Texas; greatgrandchild Bear, step-great-grandchildren Nathan, Adrianna, Preston, Grayson and Julianna; and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside Services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Ponca City. Send online condolences @ www.wilsonlittle.com.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Butch and I were 2nd cousins. Our grandfathers, Clarence and Mack Hiatt, were brothers. We met online through genealogy. My grandfather left Alva, OK in 1944 and moved to Lubbock, Texas. He had not emailed me for many months. I just learned of his death. I feel so fortunate to have met Butch. Wilma and Butch met my husband, Stephen and I in Brenham, Texas. They were on their way home from Houston. We laughed, shared memories and pictures. I have a picture of us that I cherish. I would love contact with any of my cousins.



Barbara Hawkins JOhns - December 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I didn't learn of Elbert's passing until today, June 8, 2023. Elbert was a lifelong friend and we graduated together in 1958 from Wellington, Ks. I could tell a lot of stories but I think the words I might use to describe Elbert are intelligent and above all tenacious. Fortunately my wife and I were fortunate enough to see Elbert (and meet Wilma) when they were in Wichita for a bowling tournament a few years ago. I will miss my friend. My condolences to Wilma and their families.

Merle Simpson - June 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I miss you so much already! You were the best husband to Wilma! She was so happy when you guys got married & then God too you home! We enjoyed each time we saw you. Just know the Lord has you in Heaven watching each of us! Rest In Peace Butch we will never forget your love!! Linda & Gary💕💕💕

Linda Crosthwait - July 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ You know, he always kept in touch with me at my birthday and sometimes shared his milestones and goings on. I will keep him close in my memories (and they were wonderful memories!) He will be greatly missed. All my love, Becky

Rebecca Howard - July 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM