



James Edward Haley

September 15, 1943 - November 19, 2012

James Edward Haley He was born September 15, 1943 in Parsons, KS and passed away November 18, 2012 in Lexington, OK. He was the son of J.P. and Ellen Morrissey Haley and a 3rd generation descendent of Katy Railroad Men, pioneers of the Parsons Township. Jimmy was Catholic educated and an altar boy, and graduated from Cushing High School in 1961. He attended the University of Oklahoma on scholarship and was inducted into the Top 20 Freshmen Men's Society and PE-ET that same year. Jimmy was a self-taught master chess player and once played Bobbie Fisher in a simultaneous match. He loved astronomy and had ground his own lens by age 12, to build his own telescope. He was an avid moon watcher. Even though his mental illness took hold of him in his second years at OU, he managed to finish his Education Degree at OSU, minoring in Library Science. Jimmy spoke fluent Spanish, played Mozart piano brilliantly. He was a Bible Scholar and lover of the Good Lord. Jimmy will be lovingly missed by family and friends. A Graveside Memorial Service is scheduled for 3:30 P.M., December 7, 2012, at the Calvary Cemetery in Parsons, KS. Online condolences at wilsonlittle.com.