



Robert 'Bob' William Reeds Sr.

September 19, 1920 - May 3, 2012

Robert W. "Bob" Reeds age 91 of Newcastle passed away Thursday, May 3, 2012 in Norman. He was born September 19, 1920 in Oklahoma City. He was the oldest of two children born to Claude Edwin Reeds and Luella (Bretch) Reeds. Bob grew up in both OK and TX. He graduated from High School in Edmond, OK and while in H.S. he played football, basketball and ran track. He began his college education at Central State College in Edmond where he also played football. He later transferred to O. U. where also played football and majored in mechanical engineering. During WWII, Bob left school and went to work as an engineer for Douglas Aircraft in Tulsa. However, while at O.U. he met his wife to be, Kathryn Isabelle "Kitty" Gardner. They were married on February 13, 1942 and remained married for 64 years until her death in 2007. Bob could have stayed with Douglas Aircraft but chose instead to join the U. S. Navy. After going through the officer training program he was commissioned as an Ensign and served on a ship in the South Pacific during the war. Following WWII, Bob went to work as a plant engineer for Armour and Company in OKC. He was later transferred to Memphis and subsequently to the head Armour Office in Chicago. He left Armour to move back to Oklahoma and opened a Western Auto Store on West Main St. in Norman. The store later moved to the Hollywood Shopping Center on Lindsey St. In 1972, Bob took over the family farm south of Newcastle and there he farmed until he retired. Bob was a lifelong Sooner Football fan and a member of the First Christian Church in Norman. He will be remembered as a kind and

generous man. He loved his wife, he loved his family, he loved Oklahoma and he loved his Sooners. He was preceded in death by: His parents, Claude and Luella Reeds His infant sister, Margaret Reeds His wife, Kitty Reeds He is survived by: Two sons: Robert "Bill" Reed Jr. and wife Sarah of Tulsa David Reeds and wife Linda of Newcastle Two grandchildren: Suzanne Vicsek and husband Chad of Norman Patrick Reeds and wife Kimberly of Stillwater One great grandson: Cooper Vicsek Funeral services will be 1:00pm Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at the First Christian Church in Norman. Interment will be at the Norman I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Arrangements are with Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Newcastle.