



## Virgil William Tague

October 23, 1937 - March 4, 2023

Virgil William Tague, age 95 of Washington, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023. Virgil was born October 23, 1927 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Virgil Tague Sr. and Mary (Ryan) Tague. He spent his early years in Altus, before moving to Tonkawa to live with Uncle Russel and Aunt Jack, after his mother's sudden passing. While living in Tonkawa, his female relatives gave him the nickname "Big Boy." He returned to Altus, joining his family, to attend high school. Only a sophomore, he answered the call of service to his country, and urged his parents to sign for him. He entered the United States Army on February 28, 1946, and served his country proudly during the remainder of World War II. Back home in Oklahoma, Virgil kept a promise to his mother, and went back to high school and enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard. He graduated high school in 1948, and then attended Oklahoma Baptist University on the GI Bill. He graduated from OBU with a Finance and Accounting Degree, and began working as a Bank Examiner for the State Banking Commission. His work took him all over the state, checking the banks' books and making sure they operated within the state's banking regulations. After 3-1/2 years, Virgil left his examiner job and went to work for Del State Bank in Del City. At the time, he was living in a brand-new complex on North Pennsylvania in Oklahoma City when he met Sally Turner, a young lady from Washington. They met at a pool party, and the rest as they say is history. Virgil and Sally were married on February 11, 1966 in Oklahoma City. Together they raised two sons, Mark and David. In 1977, Virgil was named

Del State Bank president, and served in that capacity until 1980. He retired from Del State Bank in 1982, but because his family was too young, he went back to work at First National Bank in Midwest City, where he was an officer and director until his retirement. Away from the bank, Virgil enjoyed life on the ranch, working cattle and tractor time. He was partners with his father-in-law in the family cattle business, and moving to Washington brought him closer to his sons and his grandchildren. He was honest, and enjoyed his work and the many friendships he developed throughout the years. He would tell you he was a blessed man, and he cherished his family. He will be dearly missed! He was preceded in death by: his mother, Mary Tague; his parents, Virgil Sr. and Roxie Tague and a sister, Clara June Orr.

Virgil is survived by: his wife of 56 years, Sally Tague; his boys, Mark Tague and wife Scarlett of Washington, and David Tague and wife Melinda of Washington; brother, Larry Tague and wife Harlene of Germantown, TN; 6 grandchildren, Zach Tague, Seth Tague, Turner Tague, Lily Tague, Taos Tague, Ashton Upshaw and husband Chance; his great granddaughter, Eleanor Mae Upshaw and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the Washington Cemetery, in the event of inclement weather services will be held at First Baptist Church Washington. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to First Baptist Church Washington's before and after school program, donations can be sent to 100 S. Main Street Washington, OK 73093.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My sympathy to Sally and the family. If there's any real estate needs I can prepare for you, please don't hesitate to ask.*  
*Deborah Allison*

Deborah Allison - March 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Virgil was a very kind man. I only knew him through Yellow Dog Planton and the respect I have for what Virgil has done for Yellow Dog is off the charts. I will miss seeing him on FB. Sorry for your loss and may he rest in peace. He was an amazing human being!*  
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Donna McAloney - March 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Virgil was a wonderful and kind man with a great spirit of love for his fellow man. He was a wise and gifted leader in the Del City Kiwanis Club, He served as Club President in 1979-80. His inspired leadership grew the Club to its largest membership ever. He was loved and admired by all who met and knew him. He had an exceptional life and left the world a much better place with his presence. Virgil will be greatly missed. God bless him and his family!!!*



Bart & Margaret Dixon - March 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Sorry for your loss. We will miss his visits .*

paul aday - March 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Mark, Scarlett & Taos,  
Sorry for your loss prayers for you and the rest of the family.  
Bonita & Steve Brakefield*

**Bonita and Steve Brakefield** - March 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Virgil you will be missed. I am thankful to have known you and your family*

**Charles & Annette Deaton** - March 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Virgil was a great and very kind man. He will be missed by many.*



**Steve Tompkins** - March 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ *We are so very sorry about Virgil's passing. He was truly one of a kind that loved his family and friends with all he had. He had this great ability to teach a valuable lesson in the most wonderful way. Virgil always had a smile on his face and a wink in his eye. We will miss him but comforted to know he is in a better place. Coy is there waiting to greet him. Much love to all. Gaylon and Kim Zissa.*

**Gaylon and Kim Zissa** - March 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *David, Melinda, Zach and Seth:*

*So sorry to read of your Dad, and Grandpa's passing. May the memories you have, help you navigate this difficult journey, and remember him with laughter and love. Know that over the years Melinda has posted many pictures, and it looks like Virgil was a wonderful Papa and Dad. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Hugs and love, Karla*

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**Karla Stockman** - March 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM