

J. T. Stanberry
May 17, 1933 - May 14, 2018

Long-time Tulsan, J.T. Stanberry, passed away peacefully at Clarehouse on May 14, 2018, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and two daughters, Cheryl Lefler (Jim) and Gwen Stanberry; Granddaughters, Christen Heath (Andrew), Angela Williams (Alex), Danielle Exendine, and Candice Oliver; and five great-grandchildren: Jude and Maisie Heath, Anderson Williams, Michael Doke, Gabriel Oliver, and Asher Paolercio. J.T. was preceded in death by his parents, and his infant sister.

J.T. was born on May 17, 1933, in Big Cabin, Oklahoma to Mack and Dura Stanberry. He was the eldest of two children. He graduated from Big Cabin High School in 1951 and attended Northeastern Oklahoma A & M in Miami, Oklahoma, and Wichita State University, majoring in Finance. J.T. married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Elam, on February 21, 1953. He joined the U.S. Army in October, 1954, serving as a medical clerical officer at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX until his honorable discharge in October, 1956.

J.T. was a great baseball player. He played college ball at Northeastern and at Wichita State. He would later play for the New York Yankees farm team, based in McAlester, Oklahoma. He was employed in the finance and banking industry, serving as Credit Manager and later President for two major Credit Unions in the Tulsa Area. He retired from Dowell Federal Credit Union in 1995. He continued to serve on the Dowell FCU Board of Directors until his death. J.T. loved to play golf, watch baseball, and work on various home building, improvement, and repair projects. He also coached the Coleman Metals Pony League baseball team for several years, taking the team to National Finals in 1974.

The family will receive friends at Moore's Southlawn Chapel, 9350 East 51st Street, on Thursday, May 17, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A celebration of J.T.'s life will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 7431 East 91st Street in Tulsa, on Friday, May 18, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Graham Memorial Cemetery in Pryor, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers,

memorial gifts may be made to Faith United Methodist Church, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or Clarehouse in Tulsa. Moore's Southlawn 918-663-2233

## **Events**

## MAY Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Moore's Southlawn 9350 E. 51st, Tulsa, OK, US, 74145

MAY Funeral 11:00AM

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Faith United Methodist Church 7431 E. 91st St., Tulsa, OK, US

## Comments



Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of J. T. Stanberry.



May 17 at 05:52 PM



66 I worked for this wonderful man from 1984-1998. He taught me so much about finance and had the best baseball stories around! Rest In Peace JT and know that I loved you dearly. Your SPIRIT will live on for eternity

Brenda Bridges-Barnes - May 17 at 03:08 PM



My heartfelt prayers are with you Shirley, Gwen and Cheryl and all family. Brenda Bridges-Barnes - May 17 at 03:10 PM



66 J T was the ABSOLUTE best MAN I have ever met Brenda Bridges-Barnes - May 17 at 03:13 PM



66 Blake and I send our heartfelt sorrow to Shirley and the family. We pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this time of sadness and the Lord's Presence in the days and months ahead. J.T. will be missed by many in our community. Elaine and Blake Bartel

Elaine Bartel - May 17 at 11:17 AM



Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of J. T. Stanberry.





66 Shirley.....please know our thoughts, & prayers are with you. Love, Walt & Brenda

Brenda J. Fisher - May 16 at 02:55 PM



66 My heartfelt condolences to my dear friend, Gwen and her family. I pray that during this time of loss and in the future your hearts will be filled with wonderful memories. Prayers of love, comfort and peace,

Sheila Miller



Sheila Miller - May 16 at 11:06 AM



**66** So very sorry for your loss.

Jerry & Latricia Lingenfelter - May 16 at 10:49 AM



**66** Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J. T. Stanberry.



May 16 at 07:56 AM



**66** Sorry For Your Loss! Jesus Loves Me!







**66** Terry Mealer lit a candle in memory of J. T. Stanberry



Terry Mealer - May 15 at 11:10 PM



I am Praying for the Family and His Beautiful Daughter Lord touch this Family and give them all the strength and wisdom!!Lord Remind them all that aYou LoveThem and display Your Love and Mercy and Grace and Peace to Each and everyone of Them!!!Lord You choose to take Him home to Glory and had His Mansion built and He will be Missed but Lord You took away all the pain and Suffering!My Heart goes Out to this Family at this Time.God Bless Them all!!

Terry Mealer - May 15 at 11:08 PM