



## Billy Dean Meixner

December 27, 1931 - May 23, 2010

Billy Dean, son of Dora Elsie (McDonald) and George Meixner was born on December 27, 1931 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away at his home in Enid, Oklahoma after a courageous battle with Cancer on May 23, 2010 at the age of 78 years, 4 months and 26 days.

He attended the Alva Public School System where he graduated with the Class of 1949. He then served in the U.S. Army, after his discharge he enrolled in Northwestern Oklahoma State University where he received his degree in Mathematics and Physics in 1957.

On August 23, 1952 he married Vera Joan DeArmond at the Christian Church in Cherokee by the Reverend W.A. Keller. To their marriage two children, Joy and Steven were born.

Following their marriage they moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico where he was employed with Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory working as a Nuclear Physicist.

He married Joyce Olson on March 6, 1973 in Santa Fe New Mexico. While work as a Nuclear Physicist he enrolled at the University of Arkansas School of Law and received his Jurist Doctorate in 1976, going on to pass the New Mexico State Board, but chose not to practice family law, because in his words, "That was not my nature, I just had to prove to myself I could be a lawyer if I wanted." He later retired from Los Alamos Laboratory in 1990 after 33 years.

Billy was a Member of the Alva First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his two wives; Joan and Joyce, his parents and his brother Edwin.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Joy Martin of Woodward, grandchildren, Chad and April Martin, Charise and Jeremiah Jones and Sean and Tina Martin all of Woodward

Oklahoma, six great grandchildren, and a son, Steven. Two sisters, Cheryl and Dorleen. He is also survived by friends Dwayne and Nancy Fuksa of Enid and their children, Jesse and Jonathon who Billy had lived with for the past two years of his life. He regarded them as family and enjoyed spending time telling stories of his life in the early days at the Laboratory during the atomic testing periods.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his memory to Ross Hospice of Enid.

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# Comments

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“ Billy was my uncle, although I never got to meet him after I became an adult. Unfortunately, both times my family came to visit Joy and her kids in Oklahoma, Billy did not wish to meet me. I am sorry for the loss his daughter and grandchildren are feeling, I know this is a very hard time for them right now.

**Kristi Meixner Seagraves** - May 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I work at the cable office in Alva and believed it was always a pleasure to serve Mr. Meixner. I missed his visits when he moved to Enid and thought about him often. Sometimes his family & friends don't realize the impact their loved ones have on other peoples lives that's why I wanted you to know. I will & did miss him. Sincerely

**Julie Davison Helm** - May 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Billy Dean Meixner c/o Wharton Funeral Chapel funeral home.

May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM