



John Carroll Hoyt

January 12, 1928 - November 5, 2011

Mr. John Carroll Hoyt

Mr. John Carroll Hoyt, 83, of Bartlesville, died at 12:38 A.M. on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at his home in Bartlesville.

Mr. Hoyt was born at Iola, Kansas on January 12, 1928 the son of Carroll Leslie Hoyt and Ruth (Horton) Hoyt. He grew up and received his education in Iola, Kansas and graduated from high school there in 1945. Upon his graduation he entered the United States Army in July of 1945 and served until receiving his Honorable Discharge in January of 1947. Upon his completion of military service he entered the University of Kansas where he met and married Gretchen Freeburg. He graduated in 1950 with a Bachelors Degree in Petroleum Engineering and he and Gretchen moved to Odessa, Texas to work with Phillips Petroleum Company. They later moved to Eureka, Kansas and then in 1952, they moved to Bartlesville where John went to work with his father for their company, Hoyt Oil Company. In 1961, John became a franchisee with Village Inn Pancake House which he and his family still operate today, as well as serving on the Vicorp Board for over 25 years. He was quietly generous and had served on many community boards as well as President of Hillcrest Country Club where he was an avid golfer. In the 1970's he served on the Bartlesville City Council and had served as Mayor of the City of Bartlesville. His passions were the Kansas Jayhawks, especially basketball, golfing, their family home in Northern Michigan (where generations gather every summer), his wooden boat (the Jayhawk) and reading.

He believed his greatest achievement was his family! He is survived by his wife, Gretchen, His children, Kathy Hoyt of Tulsa, John E. Hoyt and wife Jennifer of Bartlesville, Leslie Brier of Tulsa, and Anne Hoyt of Dallas, Texas. Also his grandchildren, Barry Donaldson, Taylor Nicholson and husband Ryan Nicholson and Erin Donaldson and his great grandson, Hoyt Nicholson. He is also survived by two sisters, Shirley Von Ruden of Hutchinson, Kansas and Susie Marquis of Kansas City, Kansas and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Ed Marquis. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Salvation Army, 101 N.W. Bucy, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74003 or to Hope Hospice, 8291 North Owasso Expressway, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Services for Mr. Hoyt will be held at 11 A.M. Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church with Father T. Lee Stephens officiating. Interment will be in East Jordan, Michigan. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

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“Gretchen, Kathy and John: We were saddened to hear of your loss and are so sorry we are out of the country and cannot attend the services for John a man we knew as a wonderful husband and father. You are all in our thoughts and prayers...

Warmest and best regards,

Tony and Patsy Lombardi

Tony and Patsy Lombardi - November 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM