



Orvill Albert Horton

July 3, 1938 - January 21, 2025

Orvill Albert Horton passed away on January 21, 2025 at his home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at the age of 86. He was the son of Orvill Horton and Mary Albertine Leugemors Horton (Moland), born on July 3, 1938 at the home of his grandparents, Albert and Genevieve Leugemors in Barnsdall, Oklahoma.

During his early life, his family moved many times living in the Texas panhandle and Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico because of his father's work as an engineer with Phillips Petroleum Company. By 1950, the family settled back in Bartlesville. Orvill spent summers with his Grandpa Leugemors who lived in Wichita Falls, TX and attended 10th grade there. The rest of his education was in Bartlesville Public Schools where he graduated from College High School in 1957.

He enlisted in the US Marine Corps Active Reserves his last two years of high school. Then after graduation, he enlisted full time in the US Air Force and went through basic training as an aircraft and engine mechanic. He was stationed for two years on the island of Bermuda at Kindley Air Force Base. He often mentioned how lonely it was on that little island where many people vacationed, and he longed to come back to Oklahoma. He requested Tinker AFB in Oklahoma but was sent to California to Vandenberg Air Force Base! He was a crew chief with the 392nd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron, Strategic Air Command, 2nd Missile Division. He always had stories to tell about his experiences in the Air Force, and he always added his own special humor that made it entertaining as well.

After his discharge from the Air Force in June 1961, he enrolled at Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma. He met Cindy Fortson there and they were married the next year on May 31, 1962. He also attended Oklahoma University in Norman, Oklahoma for a year before starting his working career. He worked various jobs in the oil fields, construction, and as a machinist. While living in the Kansas City area, he was hired by Phillips Petroleum Company as a stillman at the KC Refinery and worked there until it closed in 1982. He was able to transfer back to Bartlesville OK to Applied Automation as a machinist, tool and die maker. Later in 1985, he transferred to the Plastics Technical Center of Phillips Petroleum Co. and worked as a mold builder until his retirement in 1998.

Orvill and Cindy were blessed with three wonderful children, Barbara, Albert, and Mike. They enjoyed outdoor activities, especially camping trips during the summer months.

Orvill is survived by his wife of 62 years: Cindy Horton. Daughter: Barbara L. Burruss, and Son: Michael O. Horton. Grandchildren: Daniel E. Brown (Hannah), Damon J. Burruss (Madison), Sarah L. Close (Derek), Victoria A. Horton, and Tara D. Harris (Zachary). Great-Grandchildren: Beau B. Close, Brooks D. Close, and Addeline J. Burruss. Brother: Richard G Horton (Jeannie), Sisters: Mary Wood, Elma Dirolf, Giselle Horton, and Terri Horton. Nieces: Regina Wagner (Michael), Lisa Sessions (Richard) and Nephew: Blane Wood (Dana).

He is preceded in death by his sister: Lora G. Holland, son: Albert Warren Horton, and grandson: Zachary Marshall Horton.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The kurosky family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Orvill Albert Horton.*



The kurosky family - February 01, 2025 at 10:23 AM

CA

“ *Cherie, Keith, Debbie, DWs and all purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Orvill Albert Horton.*



Cherie, Keith, Debbie, DWs and all - January 31, 2025 at 12:39 PM

YF

“ *Your Friends at State Farm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orvill Albert Horton.*

Your Friends at State Farm - January 29, 2025 at 02:10 PM

YF

“ *Your Friends at State Farm purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Orvill Albert Horton.*



Your Friends at State Farm - January 29, 2025 at 02:10 PM

MD

“ I first met Orville on the job at Phillips. He came in and replaced me in the machine shop. We developed a long lasting friendship through our mutual interests and out look on life. We had many conversations about family and faith through the years. I counted on Orville for advice about machine work and many other mutual interests. I am a better person for having known Orville and will cherish the time we had together always. I know god has taken him.

Mike Davis - January 29, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Orvill Albert Horton.



January 28, 2025 at 10:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Orvill Albert Horton.

January 28, 2025 at 10:22 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orvill Albert Horton.



January 27, 2025 at 07:28 PM

BL

“ I worked close by Orvill for several years at Phillips Petroleum Co. Orvill made my days at work a lot more enjoyable. He always had such a pleasant attitude, and that pleasing smile. Orville was a good christian man, and set an example we all should follow. He will be greatly missed.----Ben Lewis

Ben Lewis - January 27, 2025 at 04:46 PM

DH

“ Don & Jona Rade and Rodney & Tami Humphrey purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Orvill Albert Horton.



Don & Jona Rade and Rodney & Tami Humphrey - January 26, 2025 at 06:56 PM

DM

“ Orvill was my wife, Melanie Beal's Cousin. From the moment I met him we became friends for life; exchanging stories, experiences and family history. He was an amazing, loving and Christian man and I know Orvill is save in Gods hands now. We all loved him so much.

Don Moffett - January 26, 2025 at 02:12 PM

LM

“ Love, Melanie and Don Moffett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orvill Albert Horton.

Love, Melanie and Don Moffett - January 26, 2025 at 02:11 PM

LM

“ Love, Melanie and Don Moffett purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Orville Albert Horton.



Love, Melanie and Don Moffett - January 26, 2025 at 02:11 PM

DB

“ He was my grandfather and my role model for life. He was the man that I looked to for advice and his stories about his experiences in life were priceless to me. He will be greatly missed but I know he is with the Lord smiling.

Daniel Brown - January 24, 2025 at 07:28 PM