



Thomas David Saffell

February 12, 1935 - January 1, 2012

Mr. Thomas David Saffell

Thomas David Saffell, passed away at home Sunday, January 1, 2012 after a long struggle with COPD.

Tom Saffell was born February 12, 1935 in Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma to J. Wesley and Maggie (Sellers) Saffell. He graduated from McAlester High School in 1953 and came to Bartlesville in 1954. He worked at Reda Pump for two years and attended Bartlesville Business College.

He married Annette Miller in McAlester on May 15, 1955 at the Church of Christ.

He was employed at Phillips Petroleum Company for 30 years working in the Engineering Dept., the Transportation Department, and the last 18 years at the Research Center working as a Lab Technician at a job he truly enjoyed, looking forward to going to work each day. He took early retirement in 1992.

The Saffell's has 20 acres on Hudson Lake Road and a "Cabin in the Woods" where he and his family enjoyed fishing and the beauties of nature. Tom enjoyed gardening, traveling, building furniture, and spending time with his 4 grandchildren.

Tom served as a Deacon at the Church of Christ for over 35 years serving in the Missions and Worship Ministries. He taught Bible classes and was a faithful Christian.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to World Bible School, c/o Adams Blvd. Church of Christ, 3700 S.E. Adams Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006-8208 or Hope Harbor Children's Home, P.O. Box 1047, Claremore, OK 74018-9915.

Mr. Saffell is survived by his wife of 57 years, Annette, his two children: Brent Saffell and wife Barbara of Broken Arrow, OK and a daughter, Cheryl Sanders and husband Terrell of Edmond, OK; four grandchildren: Kayla Goodrich of Tulsa, OK, Emily Saffell of Broken Arrow, OK, Jill Shiflet of Austin, TX., and Brett Sanders of Edmond, OK; a brother, John Saffell of Crowder, OK., and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a half sister, Lucille Champion.

Funeral services for Mr. Saffell will be held at 10 A.M. Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at the Adams Blvd. Church of Christ with Mr. David Hammonds officiating. Interment will be in the Memorial park Cemetery directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Friends who wish may call for visitation at the Stumpff Funeral Home until 9 P.M. Tuesday as the casket will remain closed at the services.

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Mr. Saffell was such a wonderful man. He was always so nice and kind to me and my family. When I would go to church on Sundays he would always seem as if I was just the person he wanted to see. He always gave me a big hug! I will always remember Mr. Saffell has a warm hearted man that was loved by many. I will miss your warm smile! But i know you are walking beside the lord.*

Alysia Melton - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Annette & family - Our sympathy to you and your children over the death of our dear friend. He was an accomplished & wonderful man. Sincerely, Roy & Cassandra*

Roy & Cassandra Dickson - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Sorry for your loss from the Saffell family in Mayes Co., OK. Floyd, Yvonne & Annissa. We read the notice in the Tulsa World. May God bless and keep you.*

Annissa Saffell - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *I'm so sorry for your family's loss Brent. My prayers and thoughts are with you and yours. God bless.*

Pam Robinson - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *so sorry for your loss Brent, thoughts and prayers. Earlene*

Earlene Wofford - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ We am so sorry for your family's loss. What a wonderful man and father. Our prayers are with you.

Susan and Gary Acosta

Susan Acosta - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ This was found on a headstone in Ireland.....

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."

God bless you, Annette.

Love,

Tony&Louise McKinnon DiPietro

Louise McKinnon DiPietro - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ The first memory I have of Tom was 35 years ago when he and Cheryl picked me up late at night at the bus stop. We were headed to church camp the next day. I knew right away this was a family to be admired. So sorry for your loss.

Cathy

Cathy Bishop - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We have a lot of memories of your hospitality. This is

Barbara the Bishop girls mom.

We love you.

Barbara Warren - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dear Annette -
Tom's quick and ready smile that illuminated the room will be sorely missed! He was a beautiful example of Christian hospitality - you both have been a blessing in my life.
Hugs,
Teresa

Teresa Powell - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Annette, I am so sorry for your loss. It seems like only yesterday when you and Tom were first together at church. I always thought you were the sweetest couple I had ever known. As I grew older and wiser, you all were still the sweetest couple I ever knew. You and your family will be in my prayers. Love you, Kathy*

Kathy Kee-Reynolds - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Annette and family - our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God's love and promises give you great comfort and peace. We love you all.*

Robert & Loretta Hamm - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM