



Bayard Palmer Sudberry III

January 28, 1945 - September 21, 2020

Sud was born to B. P. Sudberry, Junior and Bonnie Jennings Sudberry in Dallas, Texas. He spent his early childhood in Biloxi, Mississippi and later Ada, Oklahoma where he graduated from high school. The summer of his senior year his parents moved to Muskogee and Sud moved to Norman to attend The University of Oklahoma where he became a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. The highlight of his college journey was a blind date with Trudy Preston, the luckiest day of his life. Luck turned into commitment and a lifelong love as they were married June of 1967. They endured and survived 53 years of marriage and happily gave life to Blake Sudberry and Tracey Sudberry. In turn, both boys later married the love of their lives, Tina Hill Sudberry and Mary Charlene Sudberry. Blake and Tina married 24 years have children Hunter 22, Rylee 19, and Carter 13. Tracey, married just 2 years has 8 month old Tucker, and stepson 9 year old Levi.

Sud served 2 years in the United States Army as a second lieutenant at Fort Lewis, Washington. He and Trudy returned to Muskogee to begin his banking career at Commercial Bank. After serving as President of 2 banks in the Tulsa area, he returned to Muskogee to assume a position with Victor Federal Savings and Loan. When his time at Victor Federal came to a close, he pursued the opportunity to purchase the First National Bank of Boynton, a family bank initiated by his grandfather in 1904 in Indian Territory. In 1995 he petitioned the Federal Reserve to relocate the bank to Muskogee under the new name of Territory National Bank. Here he culminated his banking career

in 2005 when he and Trudy retired and set their course on a new adventure. They have fully lived and loved and cultivated a 40 acre parcel of land complete with an 80 year stone cottage west of the city limits.

In his lifetime, Sud loved people, and won their hearts with his ornery humor and lighthearted nature. His boldness in character, leadership and stature, along with his amazing personality truly made lasting impressions on almost anyone he met. His true gift of teaching and sharing his life knowledge made him invaluable to loved ones and friends.

He loved everything outdoors. One of his proudest accomplishments was establishing a family cabin in Red River, New Mexico where his dream of creating lifelong family memories for generations to come was realized. After retirement he loved his tractor(s). "Suddy" had the privilege to have 3 lifelong equally ornery friends - Vaughn Esper, Jim Hunter, and David Logsdon. It is uncanny that while not blood related, he embodied the best of all three - Vaughn's love of outdoors, Jim's proficient business acuity and David's sense of humor.

Sud is also survived by Sidney Sudberry Greathouse and her children Jennifer Fall, James Greathouse, and Leslie and David Gravelle. Also surviving is his younger sister Virginia (Ginny) Brandecker and her children Bonnie Brandecker Adams and husband Matt, Bill Brandecker, and Elizabeth Brandecker. There a host of wonderful cousins and second and third cousins who all were precious to Sud.

To sum up his life, his grandchildren coined a phrase: Papa Sud. The man. The myth. The legend.

A celebration of Sud's life will be 10AM, Saturday, September 26, 2020 at New Community Church with Pastor Jim King officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Memorial Service

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

New Community Church
3600 E Shawnee
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Bayard Palmer Sudberry III*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



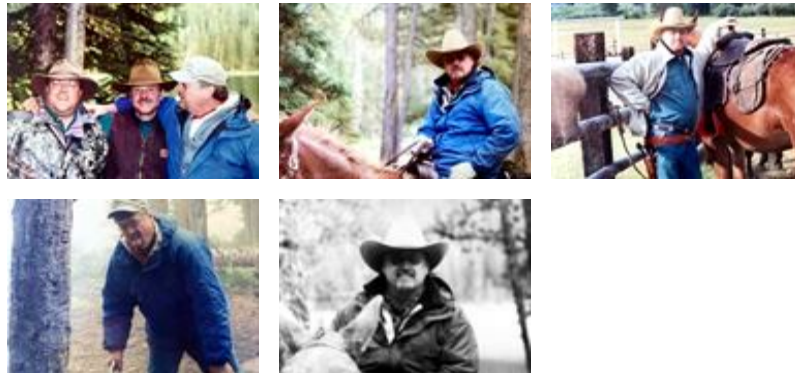
“ *Dear Trudy and Family - So very sorry to read of B.P. passing. He was a very nice man. I've know you for many years, Sue Ann and I sometimes would babysit your kids. B.P. would come to our DAV breakfast when he would remember.*

With my deepest sympathy - Linda McKenzie Johnson

Linda Johnson - September 25, 2020 at 02:41 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - September 25, 2020 at 10:10 AM

SF

I'm so heartbroken, Sud was so good to mark and I, he was a great man and a great friend. He will be greatly missed! My condolences to Trudy and family.

Susan

Susan Forrest - September 26, 2020 at 12:15 AM

MC

“ I'm absolutely heartbroken. He was a great friend and ALWAYS there for me. Made my day better every time I saw him. Trudy and family we love you.

Mike Carter - September 24, 2020 at 07:56 PM

TJ

“ Thurman Banks Jr purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bayard Palmer Sudberry III.



Thurman Banks Jr - September 24, 2020 at 07:56 PM

DJ

“ Knowing Sud was a privilege and a blessing. You have my deepest condolences for your family's loss.

Debbie James

Debbie James - September 24, 2020 at 06:37 PM

LS

“ My prayers of comfort to Trudy and family. Sud always brought something uniquely intriguing about his observations and perspectives on Life. When I think of him it brings a smile and I am certain he is giving heaven a new fresh challenge!!



Linda Sizemore - September 24, 2020 at 11:11 AM

JK

“ *Our thoughts, love & prayers are with you all. Sud was one of our favorite guys of all time! He was such an encourager to us in challenging times. So grateful that God allowed our paths in life to intersect. He made everyone around him richer.*

Jim & Pam King - September 23, 2020 at 09:29 PM