



Nelson James Upton

May 27, 1923 - November 10, 2019

Nelson James Upton, 96, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, formerly of Tulsa, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2019. He was born May 27, 1923 in Muskogee to James and Jennie (Wadkins) Upton. He attended Hyde Park Elementary and Muskogee Central High School.

Nelson joined the United States Air Force in January 1943 serving overseas during WWII. He received an honorable discharge in August 1945.

He married Norma Ruth Walters on June 18, 1950 in Van Buren, Arkansas. They shared more than 66 years of life, marriage and memories when Norma passed on February 19, 2016.

Nelson worked as an engineer for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He retired in 1985 after 38 years and 8 months of service.

He loved playing golf but loved nothing more than spending time with his family. He was a member of Southwood Baptist Church in Tulsa where he faithfully attended and served for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Norma Ruth; and other family members.

Nelson is survived by his sons, Mike Upton and wife Pam, David Upton and

wife Patsy, all of Muskogee, and Gary Upton of Plano, TX; grandchildren, Bryan Upton and wife Jenifer, Jason Upton and wife Amanda, Zachary Upton and wife Kayla, and Lindsey Cole and Travis; great-grandchildren, Kace, Daxon, Grayson, Harper, Adam, Maeve, Erik, and Nelson; along with other family members.

The family would like to express a very special "Thank you" to the staff at Hometown Hospice; especially Candy Underwood, for the care shown to Nelson.

Funeral services celebrating Nelson's life will be 10AM, Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Alan McBroom officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with military honors being presented. Pallbearers will be Mike Upton, David Upton, Gary Upton, Bryan Upton, Buddy Michals, Jason Upton, and Zachary Upton. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Hill, Frank Russell, and Jim Coover.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Service

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Nelson James Upton*

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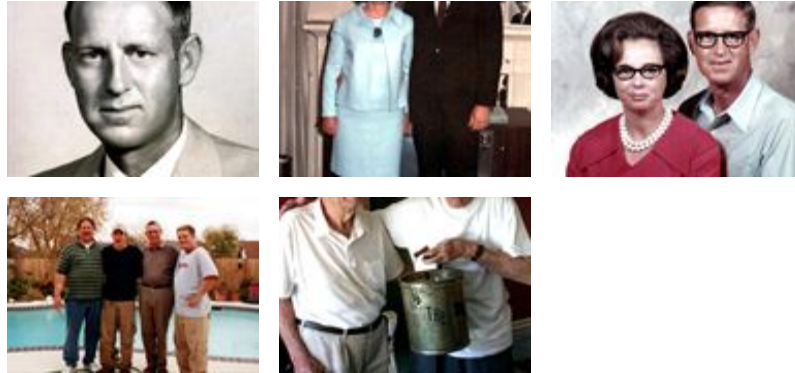
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mary upton ledford - May 13, 2022 at 09:16 PM



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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 13, 2019 at 01:32 PM

CP

“ Sorry for the loss of your Dad, my prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this time.

Cheryl

Cheryl Upton Porter - November 13, 2019 at 12:55 PM

JH

“ I was the District Engineer in Muskogee in 1965. I was supposedly his boss, but he knew more about outside plant engineering than I would ever know. He mentored me and I learned a lot from him. He was always willing and eager to give me wonderful advice. In the 1 1/2 years I was there, we became good friends.

He was an all around great human being.

I now live in Tulsa in a retirement community and having some health issues right now so I won't be able to attend his services, but I want the family to know how much I appreciated him.

Jack Hinton

P.S. One thing he could never accomplish was make me a very good golfer!

Jack Hinton - November 13, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nelson James Upton.*



November 13, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *My condolences to the Upton family for your loss. What can be said about a man who based on my personal experience and all accounts lived a good long life filled with purpose and meaning. When he would meet me and shake hands with that little smile, it always made me feel special. He will be remembered. May God Bless.
Alan Hutchins*

Alan Hutchins - November 13, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *So sorry to here of Ned's passing. We are already in Texas for the winter, so will be unable to attend his service. We love you all and will be thinking of you. Prayers and Hugs. James and Lila*

James and Lila Bell - November 11, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Nelson James Upton.*



November 11, 2019 at 04:34 PM