

Philip Stolper

December 20, 1918 - April 20, 2015

Philip Stolper, 96, passed away Monday, April 20, 2015. Funeral services will be held at Cornerstone Funeral Home in Muskogee on Thursday, April 23 at 10:30 AM with burial to follow at Greenhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to your favorite charity. Friends may visit with the family at Cornerstone from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Thursday before the funeral. A Shiva service will be held at 4:30 PM Thursday at Tulsa Jewish Retirement Center.

Phil was born December 20, 1918 in Muskogee, the second son of European immigrants Samuel and Eva (Alperin) Stolper. He attended Franklin Elementary and West Junior High Schools and was a 1936 graduate of Muskogee Central High School. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1940 where he was a member of Phi Beta Delta fraternity.

Phil served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II as a parts supply technician for a B-29 squadron on Guam. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1946.

After the war, Phil became a partner in The Boston Store, a downtown Muskogee family clothing store founded in 1913 by his father. Phil operated

The Boston Store for over 32 years until 1978 when it was destroyed in a major fire. He worked part-time after retiring from The Boston Store including employment with the U.S. Veterans Administration from 1997-2006. He fully retired at the age of 88.

Phil was active in community service throughout his adult life. He believed that his parents were fortunate to have settled in Muskogee and he felt a strong obligation to give back to the community.

In 1955, he was appointed to the Citizens Hospital Committee that planned the relocation and construction of the new Muskogee General Hospital (now EASTAR Main Campus) at Hatbox field. He was a charter board member of the Golden Rule Industries, later known as Goodwill Industries. He also served on the Muskogee Metropolitan Planning commission from 1966-1972. He was Board Chairman of the Muskogee chapter of The Salvation Army in 1965-66 and received its "Others" award in 1970 and Life Membership in 1971 in recognition of his leadership in the fundraising and construction of Salvation Army's building on South Main Street. He had great compassion for the homeless and supported the work of The Salvation Army in serving this need.

In 1979, he was appointed to the Muskogee Community Relations Commission and Fair Housing Board. He was on the board of the Muskogee County chapter of The American Red Cross and served as chairman for the construction of the former Red Cross headquarters on North Sixth Street. He also served as a board member of the Eastern Oklahoma Council of Boy Scouts and the Muskogee Little Theatre from which he received the Kerslake Business Award in 1989. He was a member of Muskogee Country Club, Elks Lodge and other organizations.

Phil was a member of Temple Beth Ahaba since childhood and served as its president for many years. In 1984, he handled negotiations for Beth Ahaba

when the congregation exchanged its original building for a new one built by First Baptist Church that was seeking a way to expand. He was very proud of this cooperation between the congregations and his role in it.

Phil and Nancy married in 1955 and the couple enjoyed 59 years of marriage and many happy family times. They moved from Muskogee to Tulsa one year ago. In addition to Nancy, survivors include four children and their spouses: Dan and Jennie Stolper; Susan and Richard Frapart; Sally Jo and Bob Bybee; and Jon and Angie Stolper; and grandchildren and spouses Allison Hearne (Mike), Adam Frapart (Lauren), Jeffrey Stolper (Lisa), Stephen Frapart, Haley Bybee, Ashley Bybee, Nathan Stolper and Matthew Stolper. He also leaves two nephews, Jay Stolper and Mike Stolper, of San Diego and a brother-in-law, Dick Puklin. He was preceded in death by his brother, Charles, of Ponca City.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Yee Se C. Ong, Dr. John Carment and Phil's nursing team at Tulsa Jewish Retirement Center for their compassionate care.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Service

APR **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Philip Stolper*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *My sister and I were sorry to hear about Phil. My mother and dad - Bob and Peggy Wallace - thought the world of him, as did Sandi and I and my daughter Leslie. Vicki Wallace Wolfe*

Vicki Wallace Wolfe - April 24, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ *Very sad to read of Phil's passing. He was loved by so many, and Nancy, especially, always spoke so warmly about Phil and family. Phil pioneered many accomplishments and touched countless lives. Certainly, reason to pay him the highest tributes and to remember a life of service, love, and devotion. My heartfelt condolences to all family members.Ken Laubenstein*

Ken Laubenstein - April 23, 2015 at 11:53 AM

SW

“ Friends, true friends, are forever!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Phillip is apart of everything we do at the Ark. Both Phil and Nancy supported me in growth and development. Recall "Boston" store. Our sharing of faith and fellowship. Invited to participate and learn, gain wisdom and knowledge. Years as volunteer at Muskogee General (Easter). Remember the day God said go visit at their home...today. It was like a shout. Nancy affirmed our need to be together that day.

I do not take the Phoenix any more...so my girls keep me posted. Loved an updated on all family!!!!!!!!!! Our "children" grew up together. YES, I am praying and blessing each of you!

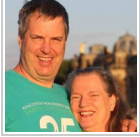
Sally Stokes Weiesnbach

sally stokes weiesnbach - April 23, 2015 at 11:09 AM

BS

“ Heartfelt sympathies to all the Stolper family and the many others who's lives were touched by this sweet man. I have many fond memories from many visits to Muskogee and also when Phil came along with Uncle Norman on visits to Jackson. Keeping y'all in our thoughts and prayers with love. Fondly, Bette Shornick

Bette Shornick - April 23, 2015 at 01:23 AM



“ Nancy and family- I write on behalf of the extended Muskin clan when I recall many happy memories with the Stolper clan. So many wonderful Thanksgiving meals were shared between our two families, as well as celebrations of many Jewish holidays. Phil was always ready with a warm greeting, a quick joke, and lively hospitality. Thank goodness also for the Boston store where we acquired all of our jeans, overalls, flannel shirts, etc. Thanks also to Phil for his years of service to Muskogee through various organizations.



Carol Muskin

Carol Muskin - April 22, 2015 at 11:32 PM

CH

“ To all the Stolpers,
I cannot think of the hours I spent in your home growing up, without a smile in my face. I was so saddened to hear of Phil's passing. He was such a wonderful man and touched more lives than you may know.
I am so glad we were able to visit a year and a half ago at the house in Muskogee. It was just like old times... And there was Phil with his ice cream!
He was the best.

My love to you all,
Carla Campbell Hill

Carla Campbell Hill - April 22, 2015 at 10:25 PM

LJ

“ I have many happy memories of Phil and his family. My Mom and Dad, Camille and Larry Millis, enjoyed their friendship with Phil and Nancy for so many years. He leaves a wonderful legacy and great family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time.

Louise Millis Jeffries

Louise Millis Jeffries - April 22, 2015 at 10:16 PM

LH

“ Many of my precious childhood memories include the Stolper family. Phil will be missed. He left quite a legacy. I am so sorry for your loss, and wish that I could be there for the funeral. Hugs to all of you.

Lisa (Lambert) Hostetler

Lisa Hostetler - April 22, 2015 at 04:23 PM

LL

“ My life has been blessed by knowing the Stolper family . Mr. Stolper was always ready to greet me or anyone else who crossed his path with a warm handshake , a big smile and a kind word. I wish the family to know you are in my thoughts and in my prayers. God bless you all. Lisa Wilson Leake

lisa leake - April 21, 2015 at 09:00 PM

SW

“ Dearest Stolpers, Nancy, kids and your "spice" (plural for spouse?) and grandkids - Of course, among our many wonderful experiences in each others homes, at Beth Ahaba, and through school activities, you are likely to get memories posted from other Stokes family members of our beloved "Uncle Hanukkah" bringing his "helpers" and the necessities (laundry baskets full of PJs, toothbrushes, underwear, changes of clothes, etc.) to our hotel room after our house burned down on Christmas Eve. We continue to pay it forward. Thank you for sharing lives. Much love, much grief and so many wonderful memories of Phil. Keeping you in our hearts with honor, Sharee (Stokes) Wells

Sharee (Stokes) Wells - April 21, 2015 at 06:37 PM

LW

“ To the Stolper family I extend my deepest condolences and sympathy for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Sincerely, Laurie Campbell Wilson

Laurie Wilson - April 21, 2015 at 06:18 PM

MM

“ I was sorry to learn that Phil has passed away. You are all in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Melanie Mayer - April 21, 2015 at 04:58 PM

FE

“ Elliot and I extend our deepest sympathy to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Frann and Elliot Edley

Frann Edley - April 21, 2015 at 08:07 AM