



## Bert Kennard

January 4, 1923 - October 26, 2016

### Obituary

Bert Foster Kennard, retired funeral home owner and Director died October 26th, 2016 at the age of 93. He was born January 4th, 1923 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to Berthene and J.E. Kennard. He graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1940 and attended Texas Tech University until being called to serve in the Army during World War II where he reached the rank of First Sergeant. Among his military awards was the Bronze Star for gallantry. Bert was very active in Broken Arrow civic programs including The Chamber of Commerce, Rooster Days and The Cotton Jubilee. He was a member of The Lions Club and the Broken Arrow Rotary. From the 1950's -1970's he was instrumental in the development of the Tulsa State Fair having been appointed to six, three year terms, as director of the fair. He also served on the Executive Board and was Vice President for four years. In 1952 He served as the President of the Northeastern Oklahoma Area Council of Girl Scouts, at that time, the youngest in the nation. He was a member of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and worked diligently representing the City of Broken Arrow to complete the Broken Arrow Expressway and the Verdigris River Navigation System. In addition to his parents, Bert was proceeded in death by his brother J.E. Kennard Jr., (Mabel) sisters Billie Rooney (James) and Lucy Trotter (L.C.) and niece Sally K. Simons. He was the husband of the late Becky Kennard and the late Suzan Kennard. Survivors include step-daughters Marshawn and Murrey McNabb, nephews Joe Trotter (Tammy) Stephen K. Trotter (Christian

Grant) Dr. Bill Kennard (Martha) Scott Kennard (Margaret) and numerous great nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held Friday, November 4th at 11:00 AM, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, Broken Arrow, OK. Bert's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Oklahoma Methodist Manor for their love and care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the Broken Arrow or Catoosa Historical Society. SERVICES Service Friday, November 04, 2016 11:00 AM St. Stephen's United Methodist Church 400 W New Orleans St. Broken Arrow, OK

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bert I've missed you for the last several months and I will continue to miss you. We only had a short time to enjoy each other but we made the most of the little time we did have. Of course that was our personal time I was a part of your life and you mine for many years before it was just you and I. Three others have gone before and they were as much a part of our lives as we were theirs. I loved you and will always love you. Rest in peace darling.

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**Anna Aragon** - November 04, 2016 at 11:00 PM

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“ Dear Bert, I hope this note finds you well was the beginning sentiment in my past writings to you. Today I pray you have found rest and peace. It's been a while since I've heard your charming 'why hello darlin'" and never again will it be heard except in the back of my mind. I appreciate you most for the friend you were to me. The stories of your life remind me of how different the world you were born in is so different from today. Your book had many chapters and I am glad that your character had the chance for adventure, success, community, touching lives, and the love from and for others. Today I'll close and say farewell my friend, I hope we meet again and that peace and love have welcomed you home. My condolences to your family and friends.

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**Anna Tapia** - November 04, 2016 at 11:00 PM

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“ Bert was one of a kind. Our family has known Bert for many years. He was always there when you needed him the most. He has meant so much to our family. The world was a better place with him here. We will miss him. Rest in Peace. Jon and Carroll Chadwick

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**carroll chadwick** - October 30, 2016 at 11:00 PM

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“ ” ” I absolutely loved Bert Kennard. He was the happiest, funniest, man I ever met. A long time friend of our family, Bert shared several jokes any time you came into contact with him. His laugh was big. His smile was grand. He made life a whole lot more fun to live. Bert, we will greatly miss you. Thanks for all the fun times.

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**Frank Graham** - October 26, 2016 at 11:00 PM