



John Wakely III

February 6, 1930 - December 6, 2019

John DeLisle Wakely III, age 89, of Durant, Oklahoma passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side. He was born on February 6, 1930 to his parents John D. Wakely, II and Bernice (Perry) Wakely in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He graduated from Tulsa Webster High School in 1948 with a football scholarship to OSU where he briefly attended. He married Helen (Lyles) Wakely, 1990, and dotingly loved her for 29 years.

John's work experience with aircraft began in 1966 with American Flyers, Ardmore, OK., Phil Air Aviation, Madill, OK., SOSU, Durant, OK until he retired in 1995. John loved aviation all of his adult life earning his private pilot's license as well as being certified in aircraft instrumentation, airframe, and powerplant. After retirement, he continued helping local aircraft facilities with his expertise until he was in his 80s.

John had many hobbies over the years; flying, golfing, hunting, fishing, gardening, carpentry, camping, and his best hobby was storytelling. He proved to be a master at anything he attempted to do.

John is preceded in death by his parents Bernice and John D. Wakely II, former wives Helen Mae White and Margaret Skinner, as well as a beloved daughter, Cindy McRuiz.

John is survived by his wife Helen and

Children:

Joyce Carrington and husband Don, Tulsa, OK; Jonetta Wakely, Osagee County, OK; Vincent McRuiz (son-in-law) Brookfield, CT; Kay Sowinski and husband Larry, Tulsa, OK; Marjorie Robertson and husband Kent, Kingston, OK; John D. Wakely, IV and wife Suzonne, Kingston, OK; Senia Bell and husband Shawn, Pauls Valley, OK; Mindi Jones, Sherman, TX; Mark Rogers and wife Vicki, White Oak, TX; his brother Tom Wakely and wife Nancy of Norman, OK.

Grandchildren:

Tyler McRuiz and wife Michelle, Southbury, CT; Elise DeSousa and husband Rui, Brookfield, CT; Nichole Jayko and husband Tim, Ballston Lake, NY; Eric Moore and wife Jennifer, Kingston, OK; Allison Wakely, Kingston, Ok; Lane Bell, Pauls Valley, OK; Averyl Bell, Pauls Valley, OK; Brandon Camp, Sherman, TX; Brent Camp and fiancé Kacie, Denton, TX; Jack Rogers, White Oak, TX; Dylan Rogers, White Oak, TX.

Great Grandchildren:

Jude, Riley and Amelia McRuiz, Southbury, CT; Daphane Jayko, Ballston Lake, NY, and Riley Moore, Kingston, OK.

A Celebration of John's life will be held at Western Meadows Baptist Church in Durant, Oklahoma on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Cole Newton to officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Browns Funeral Service, Durant Oklahoma. Online condolences can be made at www.brownsfuneralservice.com .

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Western Meadows Baptist Church
53 Shawna Drive
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *John Wakely III*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Michael and Karen Herndon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Wakely III.*



Michael and Karen Herndon - December 12, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ *I haven't seen this man since we moved from Kansas in 1986 but I remember him fondly. He was the sweetest, most patient father. He will be missed. Prayers and sympathy to his family.*
Cindy White

Cindy White - December 12, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John Wakely III.*



December 11, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Wakely III.*



December 11, 2019 at 12:34 AM



“ *I love that picture of Johnnie. Every time Tom looks over the top of his glasses with those piercing blue eyes and happy cheeks I tell him, "you look just like Johnnie Wakely". He always says that the Wakely boys were just born handsome and smart. We're holding all of you in our hearts. You'll hurt for a long time to come and that's just fine.*

Nancy wakely - December 10, 2019 at 06:40 PM