



## Wayne H. Ratcliff

November 5, 1932 - October 3, 2008

Wayne H. Ratcliff was born November 5, 1932 at home in Greenwood County, Kansas. He was the son of an Orphan Train rider, Douglas Ratcliff and Mary Stewart Ratcliff. He was the middle child in a family of seven children.

Wayne graduated from the Hamilton, Kansas schools and from Emporia State University with a Bachelor in Business Administration. At a very early age he developed an interest in the petroleum industry and was employed by Phillips Petroleum Company at the age of 18 first in the production department and last 29 years in marketing. He was a member of the Phillips Performance club and won several marketing awards. He was a member of the Blue Lodge of Hamilton, Kansas, 32nd degree consistory and a member of the Bedouin Shrine Temple and Little Dixie Shrine Club. Upon retirement he wanted to facilitate changes for the good of our country. AARP was one of the organizations through which he was active serving as the Advocacy Chairman on the Oklahoma State Executive Council. He worked tirelessly for seniors, those less fortunate and for the good of all. He found the time to go into chemical sales, Classic Colors, with his friend, Walter Smith where he was the bookkeeper. He instructed Walter to have the coffee pot on and when he slumped down in his chair, asleep to come by and straighten him back up. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Elks, NRA, conservation

organizations as Ducks Unlimited and Turkeys Unlimited and the president of the Durant High School booster Club for the 1983 Championship football team.

On June 1, 1958 Wayne married Dorothy Nielsen. To this union they were blessed with a daughter, Kristina Rae, and a son, Anthony Wayne. They were his joy. Wayne had many hobbies including fishing, hunting, golfing, reading and studying history and economics and, yes even yard work.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Dorothy, daughter, Kris, and son, Anthony and his wife Tracy. He had three grandchildren who loved and adored him: Hunter Scott Goforth and Lauren Nicole and Austin Wayne Ratcliff. They were his pride and joy who he guided and advised to the very end. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Morris. He is also survived by two sisters: Betty Louis, Wichita, Kansas and Donna Brevoort (Frank), Greenville, Delaware, and three brothers: Jack (Maxine), Hamilton, Kansas, Wes (Sherri), Sioux City, Iowa, and Gary, Lebo, Kansas. Also surviving is his very special business partner and friend, Walter Smith and family and many nieces and nephews as well as his cronies in Calera where the world's and city's problems were discussed and solved and lastly by his Brittany Spaniel, Abbie.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Durant on October 8th, 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Greg Tolles officiating and Robert Jones assisting. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Shriners Hospital, NRA or any

Wildlife organization such as Duck's Unlimited.

A Celebration of Life will also be held at Hamilton, Kansas on Friday, October 24th for the many friends and relatives there.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant and Texoma Cremation Service.

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wayne H. Ratcliff

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with your family.

Joe and Vonda Cavender

vonda cavender - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Wayne knew 3 generations of our family & all have thought of him as a great guy & friend. Myrl cut his hair, Walter was his business partner, & then Walter's & Lori's children. We have heard funny stories about what Wayne did or said. This is a difficult time for your family & you will lean on each other for strength & comfort. God will help all of you through this. May He bless you & keep you under His wings.

Myrl & Shirley Smith - October 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Anthony and Tracy--I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. My family will pray that God will extend His comfort to you in only a way that He can. I don't know if you knew, but your Dad & Mom were on a group trip to NYC with my Mom and me some years ago. I remember several nights at dinner sitting with them hearing stories about you and Tracy and listening to his advice on my next career move! It was most enjoyable. Your family was truly blessed to have him. God Bless--Diana (Weaver) Force

Diana Force - October 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dorothy, Anthony and family, I am so sorry for your loss. A loss that is felt by all of us. He was a terrific man in my eyes. He touched my heart in numerous ways. You were all so good about including our family in your family functions at Beaver's Bend for several years! Thank you for those fond memories!!! The cookouts, the hiking, moped riding, cabins you "held" for us, the haunted train rides, etc! And just letting us come over and visit when Anthony and Tracy were in for a visit. And I will never forget Wayne for encouraging me to try to get a dental hygiene school started here.. OU did one in Ardmore, eventually, but his insight and thoughtfulness to help me was amazing. He truly cared about all. He touched many hearts, as you all have. Thanks for touching mine!

*God Bless you all!*

*Charmaine Stuteville, Robert and Michelle Pierce*

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**Charmaine Stuteville** - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM