



W.O. "Bill" Young

August 29, 1922 - May 17, 2014

W.O. "Bill" Young, of Durant passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the age of 91. Bill was born August 29, 1922 in Lone Grove, OK to Claude William Young and Mattie Lavada (Moore) Young. He graduated from Lone Grove High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He married Ruth Cherokee Risner on October 10, 1942 at the First Baptist Church in Ardmore. Bill proudly served his country in the United States Navy for 27 years, where he was honorably discharged as Lieutenant Commander. He is a veteran of WWII and the Korean War. Bill was the President of the Cherokee Telephone Company in which he founded in 1959. Through the years Bill has been the president of the Chamber of Commerce two times, the Mayor of Durant, president of SODA, President of Oklahoma Telephone Association. He was also Director of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, and a Shriner and was employed with OG&E from 1947 through 1959. Bill loved his family, golfing, ranching and flying his private plane.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Ruth on August 19, 2007, and eight brothers and sisters.

Bill is survived by his son James O. Young and wife Virginia of Ardmore, two granddaughters Amy Young of Oklahoma City, OK and Jenny Sanchez and husband Samuel of Mead, one grandson Thomas W. Young and wife Camille Harp-Young of Norman, one great grandson Gaius Sanchez of Mead, and numerous other loving family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at First Baptist Church Durant with Rev. James Robinson officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Ardmore. Family hour will be from 6-8PM, Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel. Memorial contributions can be sent to Families Feeding Families (P.O. Box 5322 Durant, OK 74702) or Ardmore Soup Kitchen (2207 Ridgeway Ardmore, OK 73401). Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

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Previous Events

Family Hour

MAY **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
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<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ W.O. "Bill" Young

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ Thomas Risner has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Thomas Risner - May 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I wish to express loving condolences to my Uncle Bill Young's family for the loss of a great man. Bill was instrumental in completing numerous endeavors, and involvement in numerous activities. He will ,truly, be missed by many people.

Clinton Risner - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill was a wonderful man who served his community. I worked with Bill when he was Mayor and a City Councilman. He was always interested in what was best for the community. He will be missed.

Paul Buntz - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Don and I are so sorry for your loss.

Lisa and Don Martin

lisa and don martin - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ May you find comfort and peace during this time of loss in wonderful memories of happy times shared together and in knowing Mr Young's legacy of leadership, accomplishment and service to his fellow man will long remain an inspiration to all.

Dennis Simmons - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the Great Comforter hold you close and keep you there during this difficult time.

Dianne Roberts - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our sincere sympathy on your loss. John and Pat Cobb

John and Pat Cobb - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Our prayers are with the family,

love,

LaJuana

LaJuana Dodd - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Bill Young has a special place in the hearts of the Overland family. His smile, sense of humor, good business sense, and unconditional friendship are qualities that we will miss. All of his family are in our prayers.

Dan and Nancy Overland - May 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM