



## Harris A. (Del) Dutcher

July 17, 1939 - June 11, 2020

Harris A. (Del) Dutcher, Jr., 80, of Bartlesville, died on June 11, 2020, after a battle with cancer.

Del was born on July 17, 1939, in Hobart, Okla., to Harris A. Dutcher, Sr. and Louise (Sholl) Dutcher.

Del honorably served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960. On December 29, 1964, he married Dona Beesley. They raised three children: Mike, Brandon, and Christy.

Del received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He worked for a few years in Tulsa as a banker, but Del was an outdoorsman at heart. (Though he had started on the basketball and baseball teams for the College High Wildcats, he didn't play football because it interfered with hunting and fishing.) So he moved to Bartlesville, built more than 20 lakes and ponds, and began a decades-long career in commercial catfish farming.

Del is survived by his wife, Dona; his son Michael Dutcher of Bartlesville (married to Chris); his son Brandon Dutcher of Edmond, Okla. (married to Susie); and his daughter Christy McPhail of Bartlesville (married to Keith). He is also survived by his grandchildren: Andrew Dutcher, Jane Bartley, Betsy Dutcher, Lincoln Dutcher, Lillie Dutcher, Mary Margaret Dutcher, Jack Henry Dutcher, Oliver Dutcher, James Teague, Marybeth Patterson, Grace McPhail, Blake McPhail, Madison McPhail, and Parker McPhail. He is also survived by five great-grandchildren: Cohen, Evie, Easton, Jack, and Scottie.

Del is also survived by two brothers: Bill Dutcher of Norman, Okla., and Phil Dutcher of Tulsa. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his grandchildren Tyler Teague and Anne Marie Dutcher.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, June 16 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Stumpff Funeral Home

in Bartlesville, with the family receiving guests between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 17 at 10:00 AM at First Wesleyan Church in Bartlesville. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Bartlesville directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Pallbearers will be Michael Dutcher, Brandon Dutcher, Keith McPhail, Andrew Dutcher, Lincoln Dutcher, James Teague, Jack Henry Dutcher, Blake McPhail, Parker McPhail, and Oliver Dutcher.

Memorial contributions to support Christian missionaries may be made in Del's memory to Wesleyan Global Partners, 1776 Silver Lake Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Memorial Park Cemetery JUN**

4200 Nowata Rd

Bartlesville, OK, 74006

**16**

**Visitation**

09:00AM - 08:00PM

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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory

1600 SE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK, US, 74006

**JUN**

**16**

**Family To Receive Friends**

06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory

1600 SE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK, US, 74006

**JUN**

**17**

**Church**

10:00AM

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First Wesleyan Church

1776 Silver Lake Rd, Bartlesville, OK, US, 74006

# Comments

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“ I don't really know how to express my sorrow for the loss of Del. I first knew Del as a Sigma Chi at Oklahoma University. He was the nicest and by far the best athlete of all of us (except maybe for George Kernek?). Del was always on the fraternity's "A" team no matter the sport. Fast forward to just a few years ago, I met Del again at the Los Cabos Mexican Grill and Cantina in Jenks for a reunion of Beta Kappa Sigs organized by Gary (Grinny) Williamson. Del made the drive to Tulsa a couple of times when we had those dinners. It at those dinners I found out he was ill. I always managed to sit near him and catch up on his family life and all the athletic events he attended as a grandfather (seemed like there was at least one every day). He was so friendly, polite and enjoyable to be with. I have always held Del in the highest regard and am so very, very sorry for your loss of a such great man.

In hoc signo vinces,

Charlie Hawkins  
BK62  
cqhawkins@gmail.com

Charles hawkins - June 17 at 11:22 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album Flowers Album



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - June 17 at 10:29 AM

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“ - A message from Wayne Hearon and Family

Mike and Dutcher family,

We are so sorry for the loss of your Dad ! Del was a special person, friend, athlete, competitor, wise counselor, loyal, and loving Dad. I remember all the basketball we played together and against each other at the YMCA in Bartlesville. Del could really play the game and shoot the rock! He followed each of our careers in high school, college, and jobs through the years and provided some great advice (wise counselor) along the way. Del was a Christian man and very generous. He would see my Dad at Walmart in Bartlesville and speak to him always like a best friend. Del knew me as a friend so he knew my Dad as a friend. Del also came to my Dad's funeral and made

the effort to find me before the service to provide comfort to a friend in a time of sorrow. Del will be missed but not ever forgotten because of his legacy of friendship and generosity. We will be praying for you in this time of loss and sorrow but it is great to know where he is today rejoicing with all those who have gone before.

Wayne Hearon and Family

David Stumpff - June 17 at 09:17 AM

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“ 12 files added to the album Flowers Album



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - June 16 at 12:44 PM

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“ ConocoPhillips Global Aviation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harris A. (Del) Dutcher.



ConocoPhillips Global Aviation - June 16 at 11:32 AM

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“ A great ranching friend will be missed, Dean and Kathy Roecker

Dean Roecker - June 16 at 10:46 AM

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“ A brother n Sigma will be missed, John Keefer

John Keefer - June 16 at 10:44 AM

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“ Del was my big brother when I pledged Sigma Chi. He gave me sound advice and counsel then and I know from a lifetime of visiting with him that he did the same for his children and grandchildren. He called me every year after New Years and we would exchange updates. He is front and center in my pantheon of treasured friends. Donna, Bill, Phil and all the offspring; please accept my deepest sympathy on his passing. What a guy! Scott Mitchell

Scott Mitchell - June 16 at 08:36 AM

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“ I offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of Del Dutcher, a brother in Sigma Chi. I admired him greatly.

William Saul - June 15 at 10:33 PM

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“ I wanted to add special condolences to my old friend Bill Dutcher. Bill, I am so sorry for your loss. Del was a fine man and you were lucky to have him in your life! I have always liked and admired him very much— he was about as solid as they come. Blessings to you and your family.  
Sue Tyler Coyle

sue coyle - June 15 at 06:42 PM

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“ I just learned from my mom that Del had passed away, and what sad, shocking news it was. Your family was so lucky to have had this great man as a husband, father and grandfather. I'm sure you'll find comfort in the memories of his goodness and love.  
Sue Tyler Coyle

Sue Coyle - June 15 at 04:40 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Harris A. (Del) Dutcher.



June 15 at 04:23 PM

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“ Del was a friend, shirrtail family and a good man. Riding back and forth to Tulsa several times the past few years he talked mostly about Dona and his family whom he loved passionately. I'm not sad for Del. I am sad for his family and friends. They will miss him desperately. Papa will forever be in our hearts.

**Bill Woodard** - June 15 at 09:54 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Del's passing. Our kids grew up together and mine even harvested fish (which they hated).

Always a straight talker and loyal in any endeavor. Del always had A SMILE, EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES..

He WILL BE MISSED.

Dick Cipolla

Jenks OK

**Dick Cipolla** - June 15 at 12:11 PM



“ Del and my brother Charles Bondurant were both Class of '57 College High grads. They were also in a Cub Scout group together back in the 40s. They met at my house because my mother was their den/pack leader.

I moved away from the Bartlesville area, but I continued visiting my parents there. I was a witness to Del's kindness to them. Whenever their paths crossed, he would approach them, visit with them, and share with them his fond memories of his times in Cub Scouts. When my father passed away in 2010, Del made a special effort to attend his memorial service and to ask about my brother, who had died in Texas two months earlier. I was struck by Del's genuine kindness and concern.

I see from reading his obituary that he lived a full life with many accomplishments. Those interactions I had with Del are clear examples of his kind and caring nature.

My sympathy to Del's family. He was a good man.

Marilyn Bondurant Anderson

**Marilyn Bondurant Anderson** - June 17 at 03:06 PM