



Mr. Denzil D. Garrison

November 20, 1926 - January 15, 2018

Denzil D. Garrison, 91, 105 W. 12th, Bartlesville, died Monday, January 15, 2018 in Bartlesville.

Denny was born November 20, 1926 in Norman, OK to Joseph Don Garrison and Nita Smith Garrison. He attended Norman schools, graduating in 1944. He served in World War II and was commissioned as a 2nd LT in 1947. He again served his country during the Korean War serving as Field Artillery Captain. Denny then served in the 45th Infantry Division of the Oklahoma Army National Guard and then in the Reserves as a Major until May of 1965. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Denny then attended the University of Oklahoma Law School receiving his Juris Doctorate in May, 1953. It was in Norman while attending Law School that he met the love of his life, Barbara Hopper. They were married in Bartlesville on April 3, 1954. Denny entered private practice in Bartlesville and became Washington County Attorney in 1955. Always interested in politics, he ran successfully for the Oklahoma State House and represented Washington County in that capacity from 1957 until 1960. In 1960 he elected to the State Senate and held the position of Minority Leader until 1974. After leaving the Senate he served as Legislative Liaison to Governor David Boren.

He was a practicing attorney in Bartlesville for 60 years with the firm of Garrison, Brown and Carlson. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, Supreme Court of the State of

Oklahoma, US District Courts in Oklahoma and the US Court of Military Appeals. An avid historian, he served 2 terms as President of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Denny was passionate about his family genealogy and wrote several books about his family history. He was a voracious reader and writer, authoring 2 books, Remembrances of A Redleg, and Honor Restored. Throughout his life, he was very active in Republican politics and an avid Oklahoma Sooner Fan.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara Hopper Garrison; one son, Charles (Chuck) Garrison and wife, Laurie Hogue Garrison of Monument, Colorado, daughter Ellen and husband Bryant Frihart of Tulsa, OK, daughter Kathryn and husband Allen Hadden of Bartlesville, OK, daughter Elizabeth and husband Craig Flowers of Austin, TX and daughter Martha and husband Scott Collins of Lawton, OK, 16 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and his precious Border Collie, Bonnie.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, January 19, 2018, at the Lyon Fine Arts Center Chapel at Bartlesville Wesleyan University, 2201 Silver Lake Rd, Bartlesville, OK, with Rev. Christopher Waters of the St. Paul Anglican Church officiating. Interment will be in the Fort Sill National Cemetery at Lawton, OK, directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Oklahoma Historical Society, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Okla. City, OK 73105.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sill National Cemetery

2648 Northeast Jake Dunn Road
Elgin, OK 73538

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lyon Chapel & Fine Arts
2201 Silver Lake Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Denzil D. Garrison*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Mr. Denzil D. Garrison*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I always had the highest regard for my friend Denny. We first met at the OU Beta fraternity in the early '50s, and I have good memories of times with him, and also meeting Barbara when in the 2nd grade in Bartlesville. My heart goes out to his family at this time. RIP, Denny.*

Bob "Doc" Edgerton

Anne Edgerton - January 22, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ *Just wanted you to know how very special your Dad was to my family, My Dad, Chief John Jarvis and Denny were good friends, Dad talked about him very highly and I got to know him later in my life and can see why they were such good friends. Prayers, Claudia Jarvis Bullick*

Claudia Jarvis Bullick - January 22, 2018 at 02:04 PM

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“ Lisa (Forrest) Connelly purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Denzil D. Garrison.



Lisa (Forrest) Connelly - January 19, 2018 at 11:16 AM

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“ On behalf of the Vasudevan & Krishnan families, we express our sincere condolences to Barbara and the rest of the Garrison Family. Denny made such a positive impact to many lives in Bartlesville and our State for decades. He will be greatly missed and we pray that his soul rest in peace!



Kumar Krishnan - January 19, 2018 at 10:23 AM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 19, 2018 at 09:43 AM

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“ *Denzil Garrison changed my life. As a young man, I served a page in Oklahoma and learned about Oklahoma government. I remember our flight from Oklahoma city to Bartlesville that took us over 4 hours as we were unable to land in Bartlesville and were diverted to Tulsa. Many thank to Denzil for his service and I am sorry for your loss.*

*Craig Lotz D.Ph.
Crescent, Ok*

CRAIG LOTZ - January 19, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Denzil D. Garrison.*



January 19, 2018 at 08:23 AM

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“ *To Ellen and the rest of the Garrison family:*

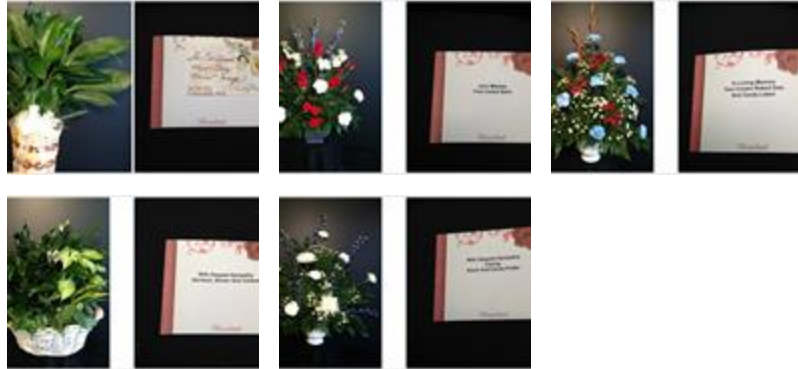
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He was truly a wonderful person who lived a very distinguished life. He touched all of us who had the privilege to spend time in the Garrison home and to be associated with such a dynamic family. We pray the Lord's spirit will heal your heavy hearts.

*Steve & Marcia Ruggles
Divide, Colorado*

Steve Ruggles - January 18, 2018 at 08:29 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - January 18, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ Just wanted to say how sorry about Denny's passing. Our families were very close. I will miss him. Remember Chuck, when we where out at dad's oil field office drinking some beer...and Deputy Tom Collins showed up and took us in.....wow, the senator and mayors sons caught drinking...don't thinks John C and Denny thought that was too funny.

My thoughts are with you all.

John and Jennifer Hoyt

john hoyt - January 18, 2018 at 02:11 PM



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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Denzil D. Garrison.



January 17, 2018 at 04:40 PM



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