

Harland Richard Rolfs

August 11, 1950 - January 7, 2026

Harland R. Rolfs, 75, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma passed away on 7 January, 2026. Harland was born to Alvin “Pete” and Johnetta (Kaiser) Rolfs on August 11, 1950 in Ellsworth, KS. During his early years, he enjoyed hiking in the Kansas countryside, amateur hunting, playing sports, cub scouts, working on local wheat farms, and occasionally getting into mischief with his siblings including train hopping to nearby towns. Although suffering from polio at age four, he overcame that illness due to advances in modern science and eventually excelled in football, basketball, and band. His early disability was never an excuse to overcome and excel in any endeavor, becoming Sports King his senior year of high school. He graduated from Geneseo (KS) High School in 1968. The first of his family to attend college, he ventured to Hutchinson Junior College followed by Fort Hays State University where he graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration in 1972. Following graduation, Harland accepted a job with Phillips 66 in Bartlesville, OK where he resided for the next 54 years. Harland married the love of his life, Claudia Taliaferro of Bartlesville, OK, in 1977. At home, he was known as a loving husband and provider to Claudia, as well as the highest caliber of example and mentorship to his two sons, Eric and Kevin. He was very active in his family’s life and led by example, often by just listening. During his time with Phillips 66, he played on numerous intramural teams and was a notorious ringer on the softball field and the dominoes table. Known as a lynchpin, mentor, and steady advisor in the accounting and tax division at

ConocoPhillips, Harland retired in 2019 after 47 years of service to the company. Both inside and outside their home, Harland's strong, yet quiet and calm presence impacted everyone he encountered. He loved endlessly without judgment and always put family first and others before himself. He had a passion for the mentorship of younger generations, specifically through team sports, and he never hesitated to uplift the young men and women on the multitude of teams he volunteered tireless hours to coach, even garnering the high praise of "best batting practice pitcher" by many. He was always available to listen and provide guidance if needed. Every summer, he looked forward to participating in Kansas wheat harvest with his brother Dennis, sisters Janet and Jolene, and his beloved nephews. And additionally, later in life, he developed a passion for curling with the Tulsa curling club, where he even became captain of a team at the age of 63. He was a Christian and belonged to East Cross Methodist Church where he was a member for the majority of his adult life. In service to the Lord, he used his professional experience in the church and was a volunteer accountant for East Cross, ultimately still offering his services on his last day. He leaves as his legacy his two children: CDR Eric Rolfs (USN) and his wife Lindsey of Park Ridge, IL; and Kevin Rolfs of Norman, OK. He was also most proud the youngest generation of his legacy, his grandchildren: Parker Hill and Mina Lashway-Rolfs. He leaves behind his wife, Claudia, of Bartlesville, OK and his siblings Dennis Rolfs and his dear wife Kathy, Janet Bell, Jolene Amerine, and the memory of his beloved brother Ray Rolfs. His children and grandchildren remember him as: a true man of God, a love for his country, his love for his wife and family, his steady and reasoned countenance, an incredible ability to listen and guide, his centered moral compass which he instilled in his family combined with a high sense of integrity, a wonderfully kind and generous grandfather and uncle, a teacher who led by example, his consistent willingness to sacrifice his own time and, on occasion, finances in support of others, doing things the right way the first time because it is the right thing to do, facilitating countless trips to coach practices and out of town games, trips

to chase storms and tornadoes, his quick wit and occasional silliness, a master griller of the T-bone steak, a premier vegetable gardener, an absolute whiz with numbers, and a kind glint in his eye.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your local USO, Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), United States Naval Academy Foundation, Girl Scouts of America, American Red Cross, Storm Assist, Special Olympics or East Cross Methodist Church Youth or Benevolence Funds. The family would also like to thank the congregation of East Cross, friends and neighbors in Bartlesville, OK, his family and classmates in Kansas, and all who have supported Harland and Claudia in their 49 years of marriage.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

East Cross United Methodist Church
820 Madison Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-0810

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *The service today was just beautiful! I'm really glad that Harland was such a good, giving person. I watched the family photos of Harland and Dennis, then Janet, then Jolene, and finally Ray. Very touching and a wonderful service. My love to you all.*

Marsha Rolfs Williams

Marsha Rolfs - February 27 at 03:37 PM

CL

“ *Harland was my co-worker at Phillips and ConocoPhillips, and was always ready to help out, with a warm smile and great attitude. His dedication to doing things the right way shone through. He always kept the Tax Department updated on severe weather conditions, so that we would be safe. And yes, there was a also a little bit of mischief & light-hearted joking with Harland. We started celebrating "Talk like a Pirate" Day one year, and Harland not only dressed up (and talked) like a pirate, but he also brought a life-sized pirate to work, and had some tricky things up his sleeve for us. It was a privilege to know & work with Harland, and a joy to know that He is now with the Lord!*

Cheryl Lyon - February 24 at 06:57 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harland Richard Rolfs.*



February 24 at 05:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harland Richard Rolfs.

February 24 at 05:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harland Richard Rolfs.



February 24 at 02:30 PM



“ Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Harland Richard Rolfs



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - January 29 at 07:47 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Harland's passing. We played softball with Harland and Claudia. Great people and friends. Our prayers are with you.

Greg & Sue Maxwell

Greg Maxwell - January 27 at 08:50 PM

SE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Seger - January 24 at 04:48 PM

SS

“ We've been friends with Harland and Claudia for over 40 years. They are both wonderful people. Harland and I got to know each other through softball at Phillips 66. We spent many years playing softball and other sports

together. For many years, we coached baseball together for our sons and other young boys from Little League through Pony League. In 1995, with Harland as head coach, our Bartlesville Pony League team competed in the Oklahoma Pony League State Championship and took 2nd place. Harland was a wonderful man and a great friend, and we will miss him deeply. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Claudia, Eric, Kevin, and all of Harland's family and friends.



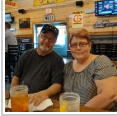
Steve and Retta Seger

Steve and Retta Seger - January 24 at 09:54 AM

SF

Our boys are heartbroken too - Jared: sending tight hugs to everyone! Jeff: Harland was one of the most genuine and kind men I have ever had the privilege to know. (He also said the news made him kinda teary - true for all of us). Keeping you all in our hearts! The Segers

Seger Family - January 24 at 04:55 PM



Harland and I went to school together at Geneseo, from kindergarten, all through grade and high school. Harland was always a special friend, and someone that we could look up to for leadership, in anything, from athletics, to driving around and having fun. Then our college years came along, and it seems that things in our lives spread everybody around, as we grew up, settled down and had families. I know that Harland is greatly missed by his family and friends. There will be a day when we are all reunited, and what a day that will be. To Harland's family, God bless you, and God will be with you always, and especially now. —David and Pam Robinson

David Robinson - February 06 at 08:04 PM