



"Jolly"

October 11, 1923 - April 6, 2013

MR. JAMES LYNN "JOLLY" KELLER

James Lynn "Jolly" Keller, 89 of rural Bartlesville died on Saturday April 6, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family.

Private Graveside Services will be held for Mr. Keller. Full Military honors will be presented at the graveside by the Bartlesville American Legion Post #105. Funeral services and cremation arrangements were under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, for prostate cancer research c/o Mrs. Kathy Leeper P.O. Box 1094 Bartlesville, OK. 74005, or the Rivercross Hospice 4150 S. 100th E. Ave. Suite #120 Tulsa, OK. 74146.

Mr. Keller was born October 11, 1923 at Nowata, Oklahoma; rumored to be on

the golf course, to Howard Lynn and Mildred (Brown) Keller. He spent his young life in Nowata until moving to St. Louis, Missouri where he completed his education graduating from the University of Missouri in 1948 with a Bachelor Of Arts Degree in Journalism. He was married to Betty "Moose" Boefer at St. Louis, Missouri on July 4, 1948. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a Pilot during World War II, from Feb. 15, 1943, attaining the rank of 2nd Lieutenant until his honorable discharge on October 1, 1945. Following his discharge from the service to our country he began his work career with Phillips Petroleum Company in the Marketing and Sales department in 1949, and where he worked until his retirement in August of 1985 as Marketing Executive. He was an avid Trout fisherman and was a member of the Bennett Springs Lunker Club and was an avid outdoorsman and racquetball player. He was especially fond of spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and with his best friend Chuck Taylor "All-star", his bulldog.

Mr. Keller is survived by his wife Betty (Boefer) Keller affectionately known as "Moose", by one son, Dr. Khrist L. Keller and wife Linda of Jenks, Oklahoma by two daughters Chedra Keller- Andrison and husband Dr. Mark Andrison of Bartlesville, and Gretchen K. Lee, of Norman Oklahoma, and by a sister Mrs. Nance Greenlee of St. Louis Missouri, and a sister-in-law Anne Keller of Ft. Collins Colorado, and a close family friend Rachel Livingston of Owasso ,by nine grandchildren Weston Billingsley J.D., and wife Katherin, Rachel Cox and husband Trent, Dr. Ryan Keller and wife Brandy, Ryder Keller, Casey Keller, and Montana Keller, Kinsey Kudrna and husband Casey, Keever Lee, and Cassidy Lee, and eight great grandchildren; Hannah, Ella, Darby, Taverly, Tyneson, Grant, Georgia May, and Gwendolyn and 2 on the way, and by his best friend pet bulldog Chuck Taylor "All-star". He was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Mildred Keller, by a brother Robert Keller, and by a Son-in-law Warren Lee.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

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Tribute Wall



“ *"Jolly"* ”

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *"Jolly"* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Of course, he will always be "Mr. Keller" to me (Marilou) since he was my boss in the early 70's. I had the utmost respect for him and it seemed to me that even though he worked hard, he thoroughly enjoyed his job and serving as his secretary was a pleasure. We express out sympathy to Betty and all the family. Jerry & Marilou Bork* ”

Marilou Bork - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Betty, Patrick and I send sincere condolences on your loss. I remember Jim as a serious raquetball player at the YMCA, a dog lover and your handsome husband. Peace to you and your family. Louise Roark* ”

Louise Roark - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“Gretchen, I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and your family.”

Anna

Anna Cameron - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NL

“Sure sorry to hear about Jim. They simply aren't making them like him any more. What a fantastic life.”

I am going to believe that somewhere he is casting softly to a nice rising rainbow trout.

Nate Lovelle - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM