

## Vol Dennis Kester

November 5, 1936 - November 20, 2018

Vol Dennis Kester, 82, of Bartlesville, died Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Vol was born on November 5, 1936 in Bartlesville, OK to Amos Loveland Kester and Evelyn Marie Olson. He graduated from College High in 1954. Vol worked for Phillips Petroleum Company in the accounting department for 42 years. He married Patricia Johnson in 1960 and later married Regina Carruth in 1976. Vol enjoyed game roosters, horses, politics and all sports. He loved his grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, brother and sisters.

Vol is survived by one son, Wade Alden Kester of Bartlesville; one daughter, Shannon Lee Eckert and husband Donnie Eckert of Dewey; and four grandsons; Dustin Kester and wife Sherry of Olathe, KS, Michael Eckert, AJ Eckert and Kaiden Eckert of Dewey.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at the First Church of God in Dewey, OK with interment at Memorial Park Cemetery in Bartlesville, OK.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Church of God  
222 S. Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029

# Tribute Wall



“ Vol Dennis Kester

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Vol Dennis Kester

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ We had some good times at Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church back in the day. Loved taking horses and BBQ with Vol. Prayers and blessings to his family.

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**michael Hailey** - July 13, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ I am Joyce Marie Kester Garrett Morrow. .I have not Met Dennis Kester .But he was an inspiration in is views and seemed Very loving through his Post. see you in Heaven.



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**Warner and Joyce Morrow** - January 21, 2019 at 07:11 PM

LH

“ I first met Vol by mutual acquaintance when I previously had a 450 member email list for politics while I was working as a 7 time elected labor union official in New York. We shared virtually all of our progressive views and Vol always stood back to back with me as we debated about politics and life with others. Over the years, probably about 15, we talked on the phone many times, but I never got to meet him personally, other than pictures or videos. I was recently in Oklahoma to care for my ailing brother and I wish that I could have made time to drive up to Bartlesville from Holdenville and Seminole, but family constraints prevailed. I know he understood, but I still feel I missed something special. He was a friend to the middle class working folks of this nation and the poor, sick, blind, disabled, women, veterans and the likes. A true progressive resistor. Loved him as a real friend to all of us and I already miss him and will never ever forget him. RIP my dear friend.



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**Larry Hill** - November 30, 2018 at 09:46 PM

LH

*Vol, the top progressive in Oklahoma, loved this one. Me too.*

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**Larry Hill** - November 30, 2018 at 09:47 PM

YA

*I loved Vol. I am a 2nd cousin of Billy Guy Bockius and we met by way of Facebook through Jennifer Bockius Todd. He would tell me the old stories from high school about him and Billy Guy! So much fun to hear about my cousin and all the things he knew about Billy Guy! I could tell that he was a very dear man. He wanted to meet up with his dear friend at a facility where Billy Guy was staying due To Alzheimer's. He arranged a day and Billy Guy's eyes lit up and they had a real connection. He always shared photos of his grandsons with me and would remark how proud he was of them. He would always compliment my family on their accomplishments. He was a very dear man. I only knew him from our Facebook contacts and through Jennifer Bockius Todd but I was so sad to learn of his passing. A real tug to my heart. I will truly miss him. 😞 Yvonne Paradee Ayers*

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**yvonne ayers** - December 25, 2018 at 07:58 PM



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 27, 2018 at 12:58 PM

BG

“ *My family has known Vol and his family for years. So many interesting stories of the old days and how time passes too quickly. We'll miss you Vol.*

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**betsy newman graham** - November 27, 2018 at 11:55 AM

KH

“ Vol was a very special person. He was special to the city of Bartlesville because of his great love for the history and his great love for the people! We were history sleuthing chums, and we spent many hours exploring hidden history, and then spent many hours over a cup of coffee while talking over our great finds! He was so proud of his Log Cabin family legacy, and that his dad was a bootlegger. We talked for hours about all the escapades and adventures he was part of. Yes, I will miss him and our Bartlesville explorations! One other thing that Vol was proud of? His family. He talked a lot about his children and his grandchildren. I think that was what I remember the most about him, his face would light up when he talked about them. Vol, you are missed by a whole lot of Bartlesville people....

Kathy Spears Hughes - November 27, 2018 at 11:07 AM

KH

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Kathy Spears Hughes - November 27, 2018 at 11:07 AM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - November 27, 2018 at 10:57 AM



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 27, 2018 at 09:31 AM

JK

“ *Jess & Debbie Kester lit a candle in memory of Vol Dennis Kester*



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**Jess & Debbie Kester** - November 26, 2018 at 11:10 PM

GD

“ *Gloria Divelbiss lit a candle in memory of Vol Dennis Kester*



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**Gloria Divelbiss** - November 26, 2018 at 06:36 PM

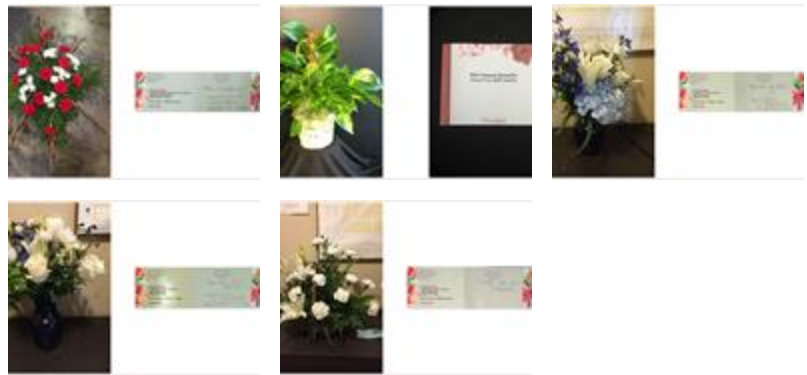


“ I have known Vol for a very long time and shared many stories of our daughters, Shannon and Shannon while at Phillips. Years later, we reconnected on Facebook where we had several daily conversations regarding political views among many which were rather "colorful" at times. A good Christian man, friend, and compadre on FB who will be surely missed!!! Thoughts, love, blessings and comfort to his family during this time of loss. Gloria Divelbiss and husband Bill

Gloria Divelbiss - November 26, 2018 at 06:35 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - November 26, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vol Dennis Kester .



November 25, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vol Dennis Kester .*



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November 25, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *I am saddened to learn of Vol's passing. He took much delight in communicating with his newly-found distant relatives. I even had the pleasure of talking with him 2 or 3 times by phone. I'll miss reading his posts and personal messages. Each of our g-grandfathers were siblings who were born in the earlier 1800's.*  
*LeRoy Kester, Story City, IA.*

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**LeRoy Kester** - November 25, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ *Janet and Gary Leger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vol Dennis Kester .*



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**Janet and Gary Leger** - November 24, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *Larry And Rita Barnes lit a candle in memory of Vol Dennis Kester*



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**Larry and Rita Barnes** - November 24, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vol Dennis Kester .*



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November 23, 2018 at 02:33 PM