

Homer L. Carter
April 20, 1930 - November 12, 2013

Obituary

Homer Lee Carter was born on Easter, April 20, 1930 to Dwight and Alice Wilson Carter of Enid. He and his seven siblings grew up in Tulsa.

After winning state championships as a Tulsa Webster High wrestler, Homer earned a scholarship to OSU. Always industrious, his side jobs progressed from paper boy to window-washer to water-proofer. This gave him the money to date a lovely nurse in training, Nadine Baldwin of Oologah, whom he married in 1957. He went on to earn his business degree at the University of Tulsa.

Homer oversaw the construction of towers and schools before becoming director of Western Waterproofing's Tulsa office. Then Governor David Hall appointed Homer to serve as Director of the Agency for Surplus Properties. There, Homer converted some \$170 million of outmoded federal goods to common sense use by state and local governments. His peers elected him president of the National State Agencies for Surplus Properties. This role demanded congressional testimony to strengthen federal-to-state donation programs. Oklahoma soon became one of the top five states in distributing surplus federal goods to city, county and state agencies. This strengthened public schools and state colleges and spurred four more governors to reappoint him.

Homer was active in Lions Club since 1971, serving as chapter president, and in numerous statewide posts. He was an avid golfer in Oklahoma City, and in his winter home of Pharr, Texas. He loved watching OU, OSU and Tulsa sports, and reading books on history and current events. He and Nadine also enjoyed attending services at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Homer died Tuesday morning of complications from his diabetes at age 83. He would have died 26 years earlier from renal failure, but his brave sister Alice offered her kidney, which Dr. Scott Samara gave him in one of Oklahoma's first-ever organ transplants.

Homer is survived by his wife and children: Ed Carter and his wife Cheryl of Meeker; Joan and her husband Dr. Gary Larson of Oklahoma City; Jan and her husband Tony Pack of Wetumpka; and Tom Carter and his wife, Kelly, of Oklahoma City; his three surviving siblings: Joe Carter of Monkey Island, Bill Carter of Yuma, Arizona; and Alice Webb, also of Yuma, who's still doing fine on one kidney. 57 years into his marriage, Homer's family had grown to boast nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Please join us in celebrating Homer's life at 2 p.m. Saturday in Westminster's chapel.

Services entrusted to the care of Chapel Hill Funeral Home of Oklahoma City.

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