



Harry Leland Wirick Jr.

November 5, 1922 - August 6, 2013

Harry Leland Wirick, Jr., 90, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died August 6, 2013 at his country home, Walnut Grove Farm, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Born November 5, 1922, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, he was the son of Harry and Lillian Wirick. He graduated from Cascia Hall High School and attended the University of Arizona and the University of Arkansas. He graduated from the Sparten School of Aeronautics in Meteorology.

Harry was married to Margaret Jean Slemaker Wirick of Tulsa, Ok, on June 25, 1943 until her passing on July 10, 2002. They were married for 59 years.

His friends in the business community knew him as a man with an indelible, entrepreneurial spirit and also a passionate proponent of the independent, small business operator. For the past, 60 years, Mr. Wirick ran Wirick Resources, an Oklahoma-based, independent oil and gas company and Walnut Grove Farm, a family-owned producer of grass-finished beef in Arkansas.

To his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he was affectionately known as "Biggie", the patriarch of the family, who never waivered from the traditional, southern-gentleman values by which he was raised.

He was a long time member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma where he once served as treasurer. He was also an active member and longtime supporter of the Oklahoma Independent Oil Producers, National Independent Oil Producers and Arkansas Cattleman Associations. His philanthropic interests included the Tulsa Boys Home, the Alzheimer's Association and the MS Foundation.

Harry is survived by his two daughters, Ruthie Landsaw and husband Bob, and Susie Gilbert and husband Jim, all of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; his sister, Lillian Jane Wirick of Tulsa, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Jeannie Shaw, Jim Landsaw, Harry Landsaw, James Gilbert, and Meg Courtney; and 13 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be 11:00AM, Saturday, August 10th, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 501 S. Cincinnatti, Tulsa, OK. Internment services will be 12:15 PM, Sunday, August 11th, at Grace Episcopal Church, 617 N. Mt. Olive, Siloam Springs, AR.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church; Grace Episcopal Church, 617 N. Mt. Olive St., Siloam Springs, AR 72761; or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762.

Previous Events

Internment Service

AUG 11. 12:15 PM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church
617 N. Mt. Olive
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

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“ *In the short time I knew Mr. Wirick, I knew him to be one of the nicest men I had ever met. Mike thought so much of him, and always spoke of how kind and caring Mr. Wirick was. Ruthie and Susie, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Chris Reading

Chris Reading - August 10, 2013 at 09:28 PM

MR

“ *Mr. Wirick was an employer of a lifetime. I will surely miss him. He loved his cowboys and we all love him. I will remember all of his family and friends in my prayers.*

Mike Reading



Mike Reading - August 10, 2013 at 08:34 PM

LR

“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Harry Leland Wirick Jr.*



Liz Reading - August 10, 2013 at 09:19 AM

JB

“ *Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Harry Leland Wirick Jr.*



Joe & Cheryl Burns - August 10, 2013 at 08:22 AM

ID

“ *Iris Dixon lit a candle in memory of Harry Leland Wirick Jr.*



Iris Dixon - August 09, 2013 at 08:32 AM

JE

“ *Ruthie and Susie, so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad! Both of you and your families are in my prayers. I miss seeing you both!*

Jack and Sue Eaton

Jack Eaton - August 08, 2013 at 09:56 AM

AS

“ *I will miss Mr. Wirick but will always carry the wonderful memory of him in my life. He made a true and lasting impact on me and my children, and I am forever grateful for the time we lived at his special place, Walnut Grove Farm.*

Anita Scism

Anita Scism - August 08, 2013 at 08:02 AM