



## J. Russell Blackerby Sr.

May 20, 1927 - March 14, 2014

Russell Blackerby was born May 20, 1927 at Santa Fe, Oklahoma to Delbert I. Blackerby and Frances Peters Blackerby. He died at his home March 14, 2014. He married Yvonne Bradford November 3, 1950. To this union two sons were born; John R. Blackerby, II and David A. Blackerby. He is preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne, his parents, and his son, John. He is survived by his son David and wife, Debbie of San Antonio, Texas, his Daughter-in-Law Virginia Blackerby of Wellborn, Florida, two Grandsons, John R. Blackerby, III of Miami, Florida and Aaron Blackerby of Austin, Texas, two Granddaughters, Lacey Amaral and husband, Richard of Weott, California and Diane Helmer and husband, Steve of Patuxet River, Maryland, three Great Grandsons and three Great Granddaughters, two sisters, June Blumhof of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Virginia Stavenhagen of Pampa, Texas.

He was raised in the Texas panhandle and graduated from McLean High School at the age of 16 and worked in the oil field until he was old enough to join the Navy. Russell was stationed at San Diego and at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia. Upon discharge he moved to Duncan, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma University. He retired as Safety/Health Manager from SunOil/Tosco Refinery, Duncan, Oklahoma after thirty one years and was a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Oklahoma Chapter and National Chapter. He served on the Board of Directors for Stephens County American Red Cross and as a Commissioner to the Stephens County Health

Department. He was a charter member of the Noon Lions Club and a Member of the Chisholm Trail Kiwanas. Russell was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Duncan serving as Deacon and Elder. He moved to Siloam Springs, Arkansas in 1995 and became active in the First Presbyterian Church where he again served as an Elder.

Private interment will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery on Friday, March 21, 2014, with the Memorial Service held at the First Presbyterian Church of Siloam Springs, Arkansas at 2:00 pm the same day.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 606, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, 72761.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
201 E. Ashley  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

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“ *It is with sadness we learned Russell had died. He and Yvonne were wonderful neighbors. They were devout in their faith, at times they shared their apartment with JBU students and would help a stranger who needed work. They were the salt of the earth and made the world a better place.*

*Our sympathy to the Blackerby families.  
Larry and Joanne O'Kelley*

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**Larry O'Kelley** - March 21, 2014 at 03:54 PM

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“ *BelindaLondaginShetlar lit a candle in memory of J. Russell Blackerby Sr.*



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**BelindaLondaginShetlar** - March 18, 2014 at 02:25 PM