



Olen "Duane" Watts

August 6, 1935 - January 10, 2025

Olen "Duane" Watts passed away on January 10, 2025, at the age of 89 in Grove, OK. Born on August 6, 1935, in Seiling, OK, he grew up to lead a life marked by dedication to his community, a rich professional career, and a deep commitment to his family and friends.

Duane served in the Air National Guard, where he embraced the discipline and camaraderie that military life offered. His time in the service was characterized by a steadfast commitment to his fellow servicemen and the values of the Guard.

Professionally, Duane was known for his versatility and work ethic. Early in his career he was a butcher at Wilson Meats in Oklahoma City and later took on roles as a carpenter, and a contractor. He then was employed by the City of Oklahoma City in the Water Department. After moving to Grove in 1980 he became owner/operator of Wattco Insulation. He was respected for his sharp business acumen and mentorship to budding entrepreneurs.

An active member of his community, Duane was involved in the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners. He was passionate about fishing, hunting, and traveling. His dedication to service was further demonstrated through his role on the Board of the House of Hope, where he contributed significantly to the welfare of others.

Duane is survived by his loving wife, Susan (Huntoon) Watts, whom he married on August 30, 2003; his son, Tom Watts and wife Marilyn, of Fairland, OK; and his granddaughter, Cassandra Shirley (Jason) of Yukon, OK, and two adored great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carlos and Gladys (Edwards) Watts; brothers, Robert and Carl; and son, Denis.

A Memorial Services will be held at 11 am on Monday, February 3, 2025, at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Chapel in Grove, OK.

Contributions may be made to the Grand Lake Shrine Transportation Fund in memory of Duane, whose love for helping others continues even after his passing. His legacy of wisdom, humor, and kindness has left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
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Grove, OK 74344
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Tribute Wall



“ Duane was a special individual he was very passionate about helping others. He made a lasting impression on me personally and professionally. He will be remembered at the House of Hope. Prayers to Susan and the family

George Pilkinton - February 03, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ Duane was always smiling, kind & caring. He made everyone feel special! Susan and Duane made a great team!! Prayers and Hugs for all the Family!!

Cathy Schaefer - February 02, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Olen "Duane" Watts.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Olen "Duane" Watts.

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