



Cecil Ivan Tucker, Jr.

November 3, 1924 - July 16, 2018

Graveside services for Cecil Ivan Tucker, Jr. will be Friday, July 20, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery east of Kiowa, Kansas. Viewing will be Thursday, July 19th, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Schupbach Haus, 405 South 7th St., Kiowa, Kansas, with the family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Cecil Ivan Tucker, Jr. was born November 3, 1924, at Byron, Oklahoma, to Cecil Ivan Tucker, Sr. and Clara Edna Polson Tucker. Cecil passed away on July 16, 2018, at Kiowa, Kansas, at the age of 93 years, 8 months, and 5 days.

Cecil was raised in his family business in Byron, Oklahoma. He attended Byron Schools until 1940 when the family moved to a farm south of Kiowa, Kansas. He graduated from Kiowa High School in 1942 and in the fall of 1942, he entered the University of Oklahoma.

During his high school days, he met Verna Merryman and they were married on April 16th, 1944. Two children were born of this union Cynthia and Mark. In March of 1946 he was called to service with the Army and was stationed in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During his childhood he and his brother were avid trapper's and did whatever else they could do to earn money. They were known for hay hauling abilities and were taught by their parents to be business traders. Some of his early jobs were at the Mary Griffith Hatchery, Kiowa Sales Co and many other jobs such as threshing crews. He also worked for his parents in the Tucker Motor Co in Kiowa and bought it from them in 1952 and The Tucker Company evolved. He took his brother into the business in 1955 and together they formed several business enterprises which let them invest in land. Upon retirement he kept busy with his salvage business until he was age 89 1/2 years old donating the profits to charity.

On Nov 16, 2013, Verna passed lacking 5 months before their 70th wedding anniversary. He and Verna traveled extensively making all the continents except Antarctica. He was an avid bowler and water skier. He enjoyed watching sports, but University of Oklahoma was his football team. He supported and appreciated the Kiowa community.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Verna; his brother, Dale Tucker; and his son-in-law, Bruce Bryan.

He is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Bryan of Kiowa; his son, Mark Tucker and wife, Karen, of Burlington; three grandchildren, Lacey Schofield and David of Ellinwood, Kansas, Jeff Bryan of Kiowa, and Barbara Baird and Alan of Pflugerville, Texas; 12 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; his sisters-in-law, Marie Tucker of Kiowa and Betty Merryman of Topeka, Kansas; many nieces, nephews and many other family members.

Memorials contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Kiowa District Hospital, Shriners Hospital or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Kiowa, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schupbach Haus
405 South 7th Street
Kiowa, KS

Graveside service

JUL 20. 10:30 AM.

Riverview Cemetery
Kiowa, KS

Tribute Wall



“ Cecil Ivan Tucker, Jr.

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ I loved interviewing Junior on multiple occasions. The beautiful bronze statue for the centennial of the Great Land Run of 1893 that he and Verna donated to Kiowa is so special and so impressive for people to see when driving through our community. Junior was a good man and did so much good for the Kiowa community!

yvonne miller - July 21, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - July 18, 2018 at 07:39 PM



What a wonderful tribute to Junior's full life!

yvonne miller - July 21, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ Thinking of you Mark & Karen. Losing a parent is so difficult. Sending an angel your way. Hugs, Pat & Duane.

Patsy Bouse - July 18, 2018 at 02:04 PM

BW

“ *Mark/Karen/Cecil's Family: It was my honor, privilege and pleasure to know Cecil during the last 13 years of his life. What an extraordinary man with a bright mind and a true zest for life and living as well as a commitment to stay busy during his days (based on the stories he shared with me). I will miss him and I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this time. I'm so sorry for your loss. Brian Woods*

Brian Woods - July 18, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cecil Ivan Tucker, Jr..*



July 18, 2018 at 10:45 AM

CR

“ *Mark, Karen and Cindy, I am so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. He will be missed by many.*

*Catherine Rose
Mission, TX*

Catherine Rose - July 17, 2018 at 10:12 PM

RL

“ *Mark, so sorry for your loss. He will be missed.*

Robert Lamkin

Robert Lamkin - July 17, 2018 at 09:01 PM

LW

“ *Mark and Karen,
We are sorry for your loss of Mark's Dad!!! What a legacy he has
left!!! May you find comfort!!
Love, Larry and Carolyn*

Larry and Carolyn Woods - July 17, 2018 at 02:10 PM