



## Tom Blackwell

June 14, 1950 - November 15, 2020

Thomas "Tom" Franklin Blackwell was born on June 14, 1950 in Hominy, Oklahoma to Alvin Dale Blackwell and Nadine (Chambers) Blackwell. He passed from this life on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020 in Owasso, Oklahoma at the age of 70 years. Tom was raised and educated in Barnsdall, Oklahoma and graduated with the Barnsdall High School Class of 1968. He served in the Army National Guard for a full term. Tom earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Tulsa and his Executive MBA from the University of Houston.

He was married on June 4, 1971 in Barnsdall to Gloria Dawn (Shreffler) Blackwell. Tom worked at British Petroleum for over 31 years, traveling all over the world from Alaska to South Africa, India to Venezuela, making friends wherever he went. After retirement he developed a passion for hiking and archaeology. His adventures saw him summit Mt. Kilimanjaro, dig at a Roman fort in northern England, uncover the remains of the biblical city of Bethsaida in Israel, dance to Jimmy Buffett, and celebrate his many fantasy football championships. Above all else, he loved spending time with and spoiling his kids and grandkids.

Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include his wife, Gloria Blackwell; two sons, Beau Blackwell and his wife Storey, Dustin Blackwell and his wife Raelynn; three grandchildren, Dylan, Dashiell, and Penelope; mother, Nadine Blackwell; father-in-law, Herb Shreffler; and four siblings, Virginia Carroll, Marilyn Alltop and husband Tom, Tim Blackwell and wife Evie, Lori Tisdale and husband John. He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin; his brother, Jerry; and his granddaughter, Anna.

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020 at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Ethel Reece Cemetery in Barnsdall, Oklahoma with Jason Byers, Pastor of the Assembly of God Church, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Tom's honor to one of these organizations:

Independence Bible School

2246 S. 10th St.

Independence, KS 67301

<http://www.independencebibleschool.com/giving>

The Center for the Study of Ancient Judaism and Christian Origins (Israel Excavation)

P.O. Box 444

Suffern, NY 10901

Make checks payable to: CSAJCO with memo line "Tom Blackwell Memorial Fund"

<http://www.csajco.org>

Barnsdall Education Foundation

Attn: Supt. Jeff Lay

200 S. 8th St.

Barnsdall, OK 74002

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Ethel Reece Cemetery (New)

OK,

**NOV**  
**19**

**Visitation**

04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Mowery Funeral Service

9110 N. Garnett Rd., Owasso, OK, US, 74055

**NOV**  
**20**

**Graveside Service 11:00AM**

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Ethel Reece Cemetery (New)

OK, US

# Comments

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“ Dylan Backwell lit a candle in memory of Tom Blackwell



Dylan Backwell - December 31, 2020 at 01:23 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Tom was so obviously faithful to his family, loved adventures and showed concern for the greater Tulsa Community. We appreciated his help to the boys of Tulsa Boys' Home and we send our heartfelt condolences for your loss.

Karen Clark, Tulsa Boys' Home - December 01, 2020 at 10:57 AM

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“ Joy Durham lit a candle in memory of Tom Blackwell



Joy Durham - November 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Thank you

Marilyn - November 25, 2020 at 06:08 PM

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“ Heard the terrible news. I really enjoyed working for Tom on 3 occasions over our careers. Great manager, mentor and friend. He will be missed.

Ron Bateman

Ron Bateman - November 23, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ A mighty big void in our lives. Tom was our Rock! Thank you!

Marilyn - November 25, 2020 at 06:11 PM

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“ To Gloria and family, Tom was a remarkable man. He had so many friends. I was lucky to work for and with him, and compete against him in fantasy football for over 30 years. He was a good friend and I will miss him dearly. I pray that you can find comfort knowing that Tom lived a great life and touched so many others in a positive way. May God bless you all.

Malcolm Kraus - November 20, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ He one the Best!God bless you!

Marilyn - November 25, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tom Blackwell.



November 20, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ The Waganer & Marshall Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Tom Blackwell.



**The Waganer & Marshall Families** - November 20, 2020 at 11:46 AM

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“ To Gloria, Dustin, Beau and family,  
I can't even find the words to talk about how special Tom was - I have never known anyone else in my life who has cared more for people than Tom. Coupled with a wicked sense of humour, facebook addiction (which I loved!) and energy for life - knowing that he isn't in the world anymore makes me so sad and I know the world is poorer for it.

I found some photos I thought you may like to see.

Independence day in Teddington with our team from BP - Gloria - you and Tom were so welcoming and Tom was so sociable and well connected at work. I'll never forget when a cleaner talked to him about not knowing what to do about his pension, Tom spent two days researching UK pension law to help him. The man didn't even work for BP. We always used to have a giggle about things, he was game to do new things and I loved working for him - one of the highlights of my career.

The third photo is of us in Barcelona - I love this because Tom was so supportive of me (I was getting an award) but at the same time he had his 'just shut and get on with it' expression on his face - always used to make me laugh - he must have been terrible at poker.

The fourth one - I had the pleasure of organising Tom's Christmas party for Finance. We did things really differently and Tom rocked the dancefloor all night. This was Tom having a lesson at the beginning but even at the end when the music had finished, he came over to see if I could get the DJ to play Shakira one last time. She did of course and I think Tom was the last to leave the dancefloor.

Tom will stay in my heart forever and when I think of him its always with a smile. I feel so grateful and lucky to have known him. Sending all my heartfelt condolences and best wishes to you all. Judith x



Judith Parker - November 20, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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**Carol Smith** - November 20, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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“ Tom had many friends in bp from around the world. He was a true gentleman and an inspiration to us all and will be missed by his old colleagues in UK, Australia and US.

**Tony Cowsley** - November 20, 2020 at 04:15 AM

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“ To Gloria and the family,  
Beyond you Tom had another family of colleagues who greatly respected him and his engaging manner and smile. I was one of his disciples in the BP mothership we both served. Tom called me to Alaska in the late 1990s to do a job for him in winter from an Australian summer. He had a great sense of humor! I met Gloria on that visit when they hosted me for dinner. Over the years-after we left BP we reconnected in UK many times and last year in London where we attended a colleagues reunion, saw two musicals and visited many museums as well as where he and Gloria lived in a wonderful village by the river on his last posting to UK. I join with his family in mutual grief at this time. To his family, you do not grieve alone as your Dad/husband cast a giant shadow and we are with you at this sad time.  
His quick smile, easy manner and witty interventions are my memory and that of many of us you have never met. Know he was loved and respected far and wide around the world.  
Thank you for sharing him with us. We are richer for that connection.  
His Aussie eternal mate  
Peter Robertson

**Peter Robertson** - November 20, 2020 at 03:04 AM



“ I think Peter and Tony have said it so well from all of us who knew and loved him in BP.  
**Colin Tarling** - November 22, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ I agree. Tom was a good man. Rest In Peace  
**John Morton** - November 24, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Thank you for sharing! My Brother My Friend loved by many and will be missed by all! Thank you!  
**Marilyn** - November 25, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Joy Durham is following this tribute.

**Joy Durham** - November 19, 2020 at 08:11 PM



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**Gail and Mark Sutton** - November 19, 2020 at 05:47 PM

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**Carol Smith** - November 19, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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**Carol Smith** - November 19, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Beautiful picture of two very special people

**Brenda Mckinney** - November 19, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tom Blackwell.



November 19, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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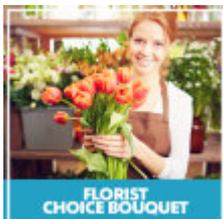
“ Just in the few years of knowing Tom...I found him to have all the characteristics of the kind of person anyone would inspire to be...smart, kind, generous, loving, devoted, loyal, caring, thoughtful and so much more. In addition to all that, he was the best story teller. He could captivate an audience with his special way of telling stories from his day to day life or his amazing adventures around the world. Tom had an impact on so many people's lives and I will be forever be blessed to have known such a special man! He will live on through the wonderful memories of times spent with him! Thank you Tom for sharing your life with me and thank you to the Blackwell Family for sharing him with me and the rest of the world! With much love...Elinette

**Elinette Nicolas** - November 19, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Blackwell.



November 19, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ My heart goes out to the family. I have nothing but kind words to say about Tom. He was such a nice person.

**Ellie Teed** - November 19, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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**Tim Blackwell** - November 19, 2020 at 07:32 AM



“ An amazing man who will be greatly missed! R.I.P.Brother.

**Marilyn** - November 19, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ He was a wonderful kind giving man. Loved his family and was so proud of them! He was my double cousin but was like a brother to us Chambers kids! R.I.P Tom. We miss you!

**Beverly** - November 19, 2020 at 04:33 PM

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“ Love, Lynette, Drough, Jaxon & Sawyer Smith purchased the A Full Life for the family of Tom Blackwell.



**Love, Lynette, Drough, Jaxon & Sawyer Smith** - November 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Tom Blackwell.

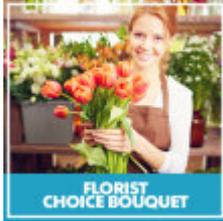


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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Blackwell.



November 18, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Blackwell.



November 18, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ Gloria , Bo, and Dustin and the rest of the family . I am so so sorry about Tom . My heart breaks for you. You are in my prayers. Tom was a very special man.



**brenda mckinney** - November 18, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ Tom was a great man. I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. Our prayers are with you all. Love you Gloria and family. Love Derek and Marcia Lanphear

**Marcia Lanphear** - November 19, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ Gloria, Dustin and Bo - Our heart breaks for you, and I know you are hurting, but I pray the Lord will ease your pain and loss. Tom was a true friend to many, and I know how much he loved all of you. God bless your family.

Joe and Jean Garrett

**Garrett Joe H** - November 19, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Tom was a really good man, He had that infectious smile, and wit about him , gone way too soon. Out thoughts and prayers to Gloria and the Family.

Keith & Debbie House-Powell Funeral Home.

**Keith House** - November 19, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Tom Blackwell.



November 18, 2020 at 01:04 PM