



J. Richard Blissit

April 27, 1936 - May 9, 2017

'OBITUARY FOR J. RICHARD BLISSIT J. Richard Blissit was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 27th, 1936, to Bettie Mae Westmoreland Blissit and Virgil Richard Blissit. Richard died peacefully on May 9th in Tulsa at Zarrow Point Nursing Facility. Richard was raised with his younger brother, Ron. Both Bettie and Virgil worked so the boys' grandmother Cary Elizabeth (MoMo) cared and cooked for them most of their young lives. He was graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1954 and went on to attend the Parson School of Design in New York City. Over the years, Richard also attended classes at the University of Tulsa and Oral Roberts University; later he served as an adjunct professor at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Richard's career was spent as an interior designer owning and operating several related businesses including J. Richard Blissit Interiors, Interior Design Resources, Flight Resources and others. He was a longtime member of the American Society of Interior Design and the Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa. Richard was an ordained minister and founded Others Ministry. A licensed pilot, he loved to purchase old planes and refurbish them. He flew any chance he got and was proud to say he was instrument rated. In 1985, Richard co-piloted his plane, The Spirit of Tulsa, in the First Transatlantic Air Race taking first place in the single engine division. He enjoyed a variety of other interests including motorcycles, boats, and antique cars. He and his brother Ron especially loved antique Pierce Arrow automobiles as their father sold Pierce Arrow Autos in the late 20's and early 30s. He loved animals. He was especially fond of

German Shepherd Dogs and Tennessee Walking Horses. Those he leaves behind include his two daughters Kari Blissit Bargas and husband Rocky, of Edmond, Oklahoma; Keli Harrell and husband Mike, of Roland, Oklahoma. He is also survived by two sons Rick Blissit and wife Janet, of Collinsville, Oklahoma, and Randy Blissit, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Richard's grandchildren include Kailan Woods and husband Kaelin, Chelsea Harrell, Alex DeCamp, Kyleigh Harrell, T.H. Harrell, Trey Blissit, Elizabeth Blissit, Matthew Blissit, Michael Bargas and wife Julie, Wade Bargas and wife Ashley, Blaine Coffey and husband Aaron, and Mitch Bertrem. His great grandchildren, Kellen, Avery, Campbell, Emerson, Hadley, Karsyn, and Norah Mae, also mourn the loss of their great grandfather. Richard's brother, Ron Blissit and wife JoEllen, reside in Norman, Oklahoma. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2017, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church in Tulsa with Reverend Connie Ichord officiating. Committal service and interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Richard's memory to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 397, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74101-0397. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. www.moweryfs.com

Tribute Wall

GV

“ *'Many great memories. We were in a club together in high school. We both enjoyed 1941 Chryslers. Later after I became an architect, Richard and I had the opportunities to work together on a couple of nice projects. We shared together working with the Salvation Army ARC Council. He was a good Christian.'*

Gary VanFossen - May 16, 2017 at 10:50 AM

LB

“ *'May peace and love surround this beautiful and fabulous family at this very sad time.'*

Linda Bryan-Large - May 15, 2017 at 07:32 PM

JA

“ *'As your fianc |âT-e I was fortunate enough to share the final chapter of your life and although our time together was short, you will always hold a special place in my heart. I thank God you may now find peace in the arms of our beloved Jesus Christ our Lord!'*

Jeannette Anderson - May 15, 2017 at 06:10 PM

RC

“ *'Richard and I roomed together several times when we were single. We took our wives to Europe, Mexico and cruised the Caribbean on a 42 ft. Yacht. We were neighbors. I still have the Emes Chair I purchased from him in 1960. Of course, he had two. There was only one Richard and he will be missed. '*

Robert Curnutt - May 15, 2017 at 04:31 PM

MG

“ ‘Though I didn't know Richard personally, I salute him for his talent, success, and most of all for the wonderful family he leaves behind. I am personal friends with his children and grandchildren, and they are the best...God Bless.’

Melanie Gray - May 15, 2017 at 03:30 PM

JM

“ ‘My late father and grandfather were in the interior design industry in Tulsa. They really respected and admired Richard. My condolences to the family, Richard has left behind an amazing legacy.’

Jerusha Myers - May 14, 2017 at 10:21 PM

MC

“ ‘Richard was a major influence in my early career and setting me on the right path. I use his teachings everyday. Richard gave me more memories that I can count with work, planes and cars. Thanks for everything you did for me. ’

Mike Cox - May 13, 2017 at 02:44 PM

BS

“ ‘Richard will be missed he Always had a kind word and a smile as my neighbor at South Shore. Rest well Old friend Rest well ’

Bill Satterfield - May 13, 2017 at 12:26 PM

TF

“ ‘May you Rest In Peace. The family is in my thoughts and prayers ’

Tony Flippo - May 13, 2017 at 01:44 AM

LB

“ *'You will always be in my heart. We had so many special memories.
May you finally have peace. '*

Lynne Blissit - May 12, 2017 at 08:39 PM