



Jary Smith Mayes

October 19, 1938 - March 7, 2024

Jary Mayes was born in 1938 on a cattle ranch near Walters, Oklahoma, the only child of Dot and Bob Mayes. He died on March 7, 2024, at Highlands Long Term Care in Owasso where he was treated like family by loving members of the staff. He graduated from Walters High School in 1956 and went to Oklahoma State University where he received a degree in Agriculture. Then he earned a Master's Degree and a PhD in Biochemical Genetics from Michigan State University. He returned to Oklahoma to teach at OU Medical School. He concluded his career at OSU Osteopathic College in Tulsa. Jary was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Jeff Mayes, and a granddaughter, Andrea Mayes. He is survived by his wife, Doris; his son, Kevin (Joy) Mayes; his daughter, Marci (John) Carpenter; two granddaughters and two great grandchildren. Private graveside rites will be conducted at Letitia Cemetery, Hulen, Oklahoma.