



William T. Pilgrim

November 5, 1925 - September 5, 2015

William T. Pilgrim was born November 5, 1925, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Arthur Augustus and Carrie L. (Dickson) Pilgrim. He died Saturday, September 5, 2015, in Tyler, Texas, at the age of 89 years. William completed his secondary education in Tulsa and joined the United States Navy as a Navy Signalman for an aircraft carrier. He served his country honorably during World War II and then later in the Korean War. He was married September 11, 1948, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Madeline Elaine Wood. They had made their home in Owasso, Oklahoma, since 1969. William continued his education attending the Spartan School of Aeronautics. He became a licensed A & P mechanic with American Airlines in Tulsa before retiring as an Inspector Mechanic after nearly 37 years. While with American Airlines, he was a member of the fire brigade. He had earned his private pilot's license, was a certified scuba diver, and made his first free fall skydive at age 60. He was also an avid gun collector and enjoyed attending gun shows, car shows and air shows. William enjoyed a variety of pastimes including taking apart and rebuilding engines. He loved to read and was self-taught in many of the areas of his learned skills. Loving family members include: Two daughters and sons-in-law; Karen and Joe Wylie, of Tyler, Texas Kelli and Doug Driver, of Owasso He has seven grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Madeline, daughter, Sheila Holt, two brothers, and two sisters. Funeral service was held Thursday, September 10, 2015, at the Mowery Funeral Service

Chapel in Owasso with Joe Wylie officiating. Committal service and interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Owasso. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.www.moweryfs.com'

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *'Dale, thanks so much for those words! It is good to hear from you. We will surely miss him!'* ”

Karen Wylie - September 28, 2015 at 12:54 AM

KW

“ *'Connie Gary, Angie and Richard, we did try to get your address off the internet but could not and then got overwhelmed with the funeral planning. We wished we could have seen you. I will send you some things from the service if you send me your email. Karen Wylie wylj618@yahoo.com'* ”

Karen Wylie - September 27, 2015 at 03:31 AM

KD

“ *'Connie, if you will send Mowreys your address, Karen will send you a DVD of the slideshow that We put together, if you'd like. '* ”

Kelli Driver - September 26, 2015 at 02:44 AM

KD

“ *'Connie and Gary, we had tried to contact you when we were in Texas, but weren't sure if it was your number. Thanks so much for your comment and we feel like you are family and always, always will. '* ”

Kelli Driver - September 26, 2015 at 02:35 AM

KD

“ *'Connie and Gary, you all were like family, and it still feels like that today. Although, we wished you could have been there, we understand. We hope you all are doing well. '* ”

Kelli Driver - September 26, 2015 at 02:30 AM

GK

“ *'Karen & Kelly your Dad was a great friend and neighbor for many years. We enjoyed his friendship all those years. I know he will be missed by all. Sorry we did not get to the funeral as we did not know. Love Gary & Connie'*

Gary & Connie Knight - September 25, 2015 at 03:06 PM

DW

“ *'Karen and family, I was sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Your parents were great people and set a great example for their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He lived a good life.\n\n\nDale White'*

Dale White - September 20, 2015 at 02:57 AM

KP

“ *'In response to Cathy, yes dad is at peace and had a wonderful life. I am sorry you must have got mail when I officially requested it to be forwarded. Yet Whatever you had I never received. He was a wonderful person and had a peaceful death. You must be referring to our Caudle Estates home. Anyway thanks for the comment. Kelli Pilgrim'*

Kelli Pilgrim - September 17, 2015 at 06:37 PM

CP

“ *I didn't know William but I get his mail on a regular basis because I guess he used to live in my house at one time. I always wondered where he was and was he okay and why they didn't have his right address. I was shocked to see his name and picture in the Owasso reporter today but glad I finally got to see who he was. What an amazing life he had and what an amazing man he was. So smart and fearless to try anything at any age, they don't make men like that anymore. I hope he wasn't in pain like my dad was in his last days and I sure hope he is with his family rejoicing in heaven. Glad I finally got to know the man attached to that name. '*

Cathy Parese - September 16, 2015 at 11:56 AM