



Henry Offord Tuell II

December 12, 1916 - September 17, 2013

Henry Offord Tuell II of Duncan, Okla., passed from this world on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013. The patriarch of the Tuell family, Papa was among us for more than 96 years. He departed serenely, surrounded by his loving family.

Henry, the son of Henry Offord Tuell and Mazie Cecil Frost, was born in Lindsay, Okla., on Dec. 12, 1916. He grew up in Lindsay, where he attended elementary and high school before earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma University. In 1939, a mutual friend introduced him to Eunice Virginia Victria. Henry and Eunice married that July in Tecumseh, Okla., and she became his best friend and companion for the next 74 years.

After teaching school for two years at Paoli, Okla., Henry joined the U.S. Border Patrol in 1942, moving his young family to southern Arizona. It was a job he loved and would fondly reminisce about the rest of his days. As World War II drew to a close in 1945, he briefly left the Immigration and Naturalization Service to serve in the U.S. Army, later returning to the Border Patrol as an inspector.

In 1955, Henry returned with his family to his home state of Oklahoma to take a job with the Social Security Administration. In 1977, after more than two decades as a Social Security field representative based in Lawton, he retired from civil service and moved to Duncan. There, he spent the next quarter century tending to his home, workshop, spacious yard and garden with his beloved wife and lifelong companion, Eunice. He also was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Duncan.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mazie; a loving stepfather, Archibald Columbus High; and son-in-law Robert Perry Salzman. He is survived by his wife, Eunice, of Duncan; his children: Henry Offord Tuell III (and wife Linda) of Red Lodge, Mont.; Carol Tuell Salzman; Thomas Frost Tuell (and wife Kathleen); Vicki Tuell Lynch (and David Lynch), all of Duncan; grandchildren Christi Vanis Koz, Laura Tuell, Henry Offord Tuell IV, Jessica Jones and Caylin Lynch; and great-grandchildren Grace Koz,

Carley Koz and Mae Lizzie Peebles.

A brief graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the family burial plot in Erin Springs Cemetery south of Lindsay, OK with Rev. Tracy Wilson and Henry Tuell IV officiating. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, OK. Condolences may be made to the family online at <http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com>.

Comments



“ Henry was such a wonderful man and co-worker. He was always willing to go beyond to help the public and his co-workers. I don't know what I would have done without his help when I began working. He was a true gentleman who loved and spoke well of his wife and family. He made our job easier at Social Security by always willing to share his knowledge and still have a good time doing it. Eunice and family - You are in my prayers. Ruby Kirkes

Ruby Kirkes - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I agree with everything Tom Whiteley stated. I lived there part of my college days in the Tuell home & was very blessed to have known him & his family. Vicki, I will never forget the memories we all shared as kids at all of our houses. So much fun was had! Prayers for you all in this difficult time.

Margot Moe - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ This world is a lot less interesting without Mr. Tuell in it. I have know him many years, practically living at the Tuell home during my school years. He was one of the kindest men I have ever known. I feel very blessed to have known him. God Bless.

Tom Whiteley - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM