



## Sterling Sawyer

November 21, 1922 - December 14, 2007

Sterling Lee Sawyer was born in Lindsay, Oklahoma to W. C. and Mary Melissa Sawyer on November 21, 1922. He attended the Lindsay Public Schools graduating with the class of 1940. Sterling served his country in the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge in 1946. He also served in the Naval Reserve and received an honorable discharge in September 1953. Sterling attended college in Weatherford, Ok and then attended the University of Oklahoma, graduating June 15, 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Business degree. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He attended the United Methodist Church while growing up in Lindsay. He then moved to Tulsa and worked as a salesman for General Mills. He then joined his brother, Gene, in the oil and gas industry. He worked as an oil and gas land man until his retirement. He worked many years in Michigan and had many dear friends from that area. Sterling was a member of the NRA and spent many hours at the gun range practicing his shooting. He was a lot like his Mother and sister Grace in that he loved watching birds and wildlife, particularly some foxes that frequented his backyard in Sand Springs. He enjoyed taking trips with his Mother and sister Grace to the Great Smokey Mountains in the hills of Tennessee. They had a way of talking about nature in their letters to each other. This is a letter from his mother to Sterling in 1960?."turned the hose to water this corner flower bed there under the kitchen window yesterday. The water sprayed up and the sun was just right to make a rainbow of all pastel colors. I wish you could see it. I have two pairs of martins

today?.Dad cleaned out the little birdhouse and I do hope they nest and stay this season. I do so love their song and flight. Its such an easy flight?you know they feed entirely on insects and feed on the wing. The mate brings food to his mate while she is setting. He loved his family, Virginia, his cats, Cat-Cat and Cat Baby, OU Football, flowers, birds, butterflies, fresh peaches, pecans and tomatoes.

He is survived by one brother, Dr. Tom Sawyer and wife Marilyn of Lakewood, Washington. He is also survived by his nieces Lisa Smith and husband David of Norman, OK, Lynn Ann Riley of Westminister, Colorado, Mary McBride of Montrose, CO and many great nieces and nephews. Sterling is preceded in death by his parents, W. C. and Mary Melissa Sawyer, Brothers Seth Sawyer, Keith Sawyer, Gene Sawyer, Dr. W.C. Sawyer, Jr. and one sister, Dr. Grace Sawyer. A very special thank you to his angels here on earth Tricia Foster, Mrs. Spence and others for helping him to stay in his home as long as possible. We would also like to thank the caring ones at the Gardens at Rivermont?you know who you are.

Services for Sterling will be on Tuesday December 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Lindsay, OK. Interment will be at the Green Hill Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I probably met Sterling Sawyer. I knew his parents and his sister Dr. Grace. He sounds like he was as nice and interesting as they were. It is always sad to lose a beloved person, as he surely was. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Sawyer family.

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**Neosha Watterman Mackey** - December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ As long as I can remember, I have known Sterling Sawyer. We were closer to Gene and Mamie as we lived neighbors for many years. Our deepest condolences go to Lisa and family and the rest of the family.<br><br>Betty Ross

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**Betty Ross** - December 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM