



Edwin S. Darby

October 11, 1932 - September 25, 2017

Former Associate Professor and Academic Affairs Director of Technical and Occupational Programs, Oklahoma State University, Edwin S. Darby passed away Monday, September 25. Born on October 11, 1932 in Seminole County, Oklahoma. The son of Willis Foster and Bessie Deoria Kerns Darby. He attended public schools in Perkins and Stillwater, graduating from Stillwater High School in 1950.

He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1949 and was activated during the Korean Conflict in 1951 and discharged in 1953 following service as a Plane Captain in Naval Aviation.

He received the Technical Certificate in Aeronautical Technology in 1955. Following employment with the airlines and Federal Aviation Agency, he returned to OSU to teach and complete BS, MS, and EdD degrees in Technical and Occupational Education Administration.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona Carolyn (Taylor) Darby and two daughters Charissa Lynn Phipps and husband Douglas of Lander, Wyoming; Michele Diane Beard and husband Dennis of Fairland, Oklahoma; Daughter-in-law Susan R. Darby of Goose Creek, South Carolina; six grandchildren Kristen D. and Jesse Dialessi, Courtney L. Phipps, Danielle M. and Daniel Hayden, Alexis M. and Eric L. Smith, Chad F. Darby, Kelsey S. Darby and one great granddaughter. He was preceded in passing by a son, Chris Edwin Darby, his parents, a brother, Franklin E. Darby, two sisters, Leta M. Smith and Evelyn A. Westfall.

His Zest for life, displayed by the products of his workshop, was exceeded only by the love of his wife of sixty-two years, his children and families and his belief in Jesus Christ.

Services will be at a later date, Cremation Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Dr. Darby's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Edwin S. Darby*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - October 06, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ *"Dr Darby" was an inspiring gentleman to work for and with. His professional demeanor was only surpassed by his passion for perfection - and each day on the job was as rewarding as it was challenging. Through diligent guidance as Director of Academic Affairs he played a major role in OSU Okmulgee obtaining college 'credit' from the age old system of college hours. He also recognized the importance of advancing technology, diversified and external linkages - his futuristic vision far ahead of others. A good man, a family man, a sincere man - a real 'gentleman'.*



Jeneane Campbell - October 17, 2017 at 01:33 AM



“ *I have many good memories of Ed. He sure planned a lot of great adventures for us through the years! May the comfort you with His peace mercy & grace,
Love Teresa Simpson*

Teresa Simpson - October 05, 2017 at 08:13 PM

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“ I shall miss Ed greatly. He was my friend and mentor in all of our endeavors at the OSU School of Technology. It was a great disappointment to me that he was not made the Director of SOT. Brilliant mechanical genius and a WONDERFUL human being. I had many great conversations and visits with Ed about life and our futures during our years together. I look forward to seeing him in heaven. My condolences to his lovely wife, Carolyn and Daughters.

Perry R. McNeill

Perry R. McNeill - October 02, 2017 at 10:11 PM

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“ Ed was responsible for me joining the OSU staff in 1970 when he hired me to work in the School of Technology. Ed was the Associate Director of the School and was the driving force for academic excellence, innovation and the care and grooming of young students. He mentored me, and many other young faculty and staff members, during my early years at OSU and always provided wisdom and guidance that helped us succeed. Ed was a man of integrity and always guided by the highest demands of ethics and good judgement. My thanks to the Darby family for sharing this great man with the rest of us. We are blessed to have know Ed and to be called his friend. God Bless the family and all the many lives he touched.

*Bill Cooper
Stillwater, OK*

Bill Cooper - September 30, 2017 at 09:50 AM