

In Memory Of
BOYD H. CARNLEY
1940-2008



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Boyd H. (Hartwell) Carnley was born June 22, 1940, in Graham, Young County, Texas, to Albert R. and Stella Reedy Carnley. He was a graduate of the Graham school system. In 1962, he enlisted in the Army for three years. Another major event in his life occurred that year when on July 27 he married Regina Smithwick in Olney, Young County, Texas. They lived in Penns Grove, New Jersey while he was in the Army. When he got out, they went back home to Texas and he enrolled at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He also worked for Texas Instruments so he had to juggle work and school until he finally earned his B. S. degree. When he first started working with TI he was at the Dallas plant. He later transferred to Sherman where he finished out his career.

After thirty years with the company, he took his retirement and he and Regina moved to Lake Kiowa in 2001. In addition to running his own post retirement consulting business, he was active in the LKMGA and Lake Kiowa Chapel. He enjoyed playing golf when possible. Fishing with the grandsons and being with his family were what he treasured most.

His doctor found a spot on his kidney in May 2008. It was a rare form of cancer which he fought for the next eight months. But the disease was unrelenting, and it took him on Christmas day, December 25, 2008.

His survivors in addition to Regina are sons Clif Carnley and wife Rajonia, of Van Alstyne, Texas, Albert and wife Dianne of McKinney, Texas, daughter, Sheryl Ciaccio and husband Joe of Denison, Texas; grandchildren, Meredith, Tyler, and Garrett Carnley of Van Alstyne, Andrew, Jonathan, and Christopher Ciaccio of Denison, Texas and Hannah and Grace Carnley of McKinney. He is also survived by brothers: David R. Carnley and wife Jonni of Hugo, Oklahoma and Carl Carnley and wife Kathryn of Bryson, Texas, sister: Katherine Moss and husband Larry of Sherman, Texas, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Mary Holcomb and Martha Burnet. **(Source: Boyd Carnley obituary, Dannel Funeral Home website)**

A labor of love consuming much of Boyd's time over the last twenty or so years was his genealogy of the Carnley family. Central to the genealogy was this webpage, which he created and maintained, literally til the end. Before passing, he handed it off to me, trusting that he was leaving it in good hands. It was Boyd's baby. He birthed it, coddled and pampered it, and raised it to maturity. He nurtured it from obscurity into the world's single most authoritative source on the Carnley, Carnline and Cantaline families. I have known the site since its inception. I watched it grow and flourish, and cheered it on like a proud uncle. I came to cherish it, not as much as Boyd did, but a close second. I am honored and pleased that he trusted me to take it to continue building on and preserve for future generations. I hope to live up to his trust, and when my time comes, to have the good fortune to leave it in equally trustworthy hands. In his honor, I have subtitled the site "In Memory of Boyd H. Carnley, 1940-2008".

Sam Carnley
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