



William Melvin Lea

January 11, 1937 - February 13, 2025

William “Mel” Lea was born January 11th, 1937 in Moberly, Missouri to William Forest and Velma Mae Lea (Harlan). He passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma February 13th, 2025. Mel married the love of his life, Carol Lee Keightley on September 23, 1955 in Kansas City, Kansas and they enjoyed 59 years together.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wm. Forest and Velma Lea, his wife Carol, sister Shirley (Feldkamp) and one grandson.

Mel is survived by his two daughters, Doris Ann Bright of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Velma Lotshaw,(Byron) of Idabel, Oklahoma along with 6 grandsons, 6 great grandchildren and special friend Carlene Malone of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He lived the last 10 years in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and attended the Blue Bell Baptist Church in which he was very active and loved his church family. Mel was a man of deep spiritual faith and was a joy and blessing to everyone. He will be remembered especially for his delicious banana pudding recipe and favorite game “Skip Bo” which he played with his friends at Hickory Crossing and Sapulpa Senior Citizens Center.

Memorial Service to be held on March 11th, 2025 from 12 pm till 2 pm,

Bluebell Free Will Baptist Church in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

20821 OK-33, Sapulpa, OK 74066

Service officiated by Pastor Christopher Lindsey.
Refreshments after service.

Tribute Wall

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