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### H oward Clow Obituary

Howard Danley Clow died December 30, 2020 at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma of mesothelioma. Danley was born in Dawson, Oklahoma on January 25, 1930 to Harold Ballard Clow and Dona Isabel Pryce Clow. He attended Bryant Elementary, Cleveland Junior High and Will Rogers High School, from where he graduated in 1948. He then attended Oklahoma Baptist University prior to joining the Air Force 125th Fighter Squadron, where he served as a jet mechanic on the F-84 during the time of the Korean War. Upon discharge he joined the painter's union in Tulsa and worked on the construction of several buildings in downtown Tulsa, including the County Courthouse and the Skelly Building, where he oversaw the new construction paint crew. As a teenager, he took up photography, a lifelong love of his. He photographed races at the Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Muskogee and Dewey tracks. Danley edited the Tulsa Speedway News and the Muskogee race program in the late 60's. He published the Danley Clow Racing Pictorial in 1965, for which he is well-known. He then joined STP Corporation in sales and rose through the ranks to become the national Director of Sales, working at the STP headquarters in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from where he retired in 1992. While at STP, Danley oversaw all their trade shows and traveled the US and Europe, entertaining VIPs at such venues as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Daytona Motor Speedway. After retirement, Danley returned to Tulsa where he enjoyed buying, renovating and selling old homes in his childhood neighborhood of Dawson, where his great-grandfather built the first hotel around the turn of the 20th century. He and his sister, Barbara Ness, were founders of the Dawson reunion, which ran for ten years, attracting former Dawson residents from far and wide. Danley's other passion was roller-skating. He became an avid skater at the Wheel Roller Rink in Mohawk Park as a teenager. He was known for being able to light a match on the rink while holding it in his teeth and skating on



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one foot. He accepted Christ at the Dawson First Baptist Church in 1939 and was a member of Parkview Baptist Church in Tulsa until his death. Danley is survived by his sister, Barbara Clow Ness of LaJolla, California; his son, Gary Clow of Park City, Utah; triplet daughter Dana Lee Curtis of Tulsa, Oklahoma; triplet daughter Donna Jean Johnson of Fletcher, North Carolina; triplet daughter Debra Sue Lodge of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; former wife Mary Jean Scott Waddel of Hendersonville, North Carolina; and former wife Josephine Morton of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Viewing will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, January 3, at Bixby Funeral Service. Interment will be on Monday, January 4, at 11 a.m. at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with a military honor guard in attendance. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Danley may consider a donation to ALSAC - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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April 22 at 7:40 AM



**James W. Greaney** posted:

Sorry for your loss, as Danley was a character. Always had good things to say as we communicated about old race cars and race and his adventures at the Chili Bowl. I know when my Father tried to promote that in the 60's Danley was going to be the photographer. Danley was concerned about the shots from the infield as the cars were T/Q's he didn't like the set up, yet went through with it anyway. Danley did a great job. Wonderful kind man, very skilled photographer. May he RIP my condolences to all of the family. Jim Greaney

February 20 at 8:35 AM



**Jay Bidwell** posted:

Debbie, Donna and Dana so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Jay Bidwell

January 2 at 5:56 AM



# Media

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