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## Wesley Nevins Obituary

Memorial services to honor and remember the life of Wesley Charles Nevins will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2020 in the RiverCrest Chapel and Event Center, Bixby. Wesley Charles Nevins was born on July 29, 1937 in Los Angeles, California. He was the sole child of Clarence Elmer and Lora Ethel (Brown) Nevins. Wesley, better known as Wes, or W.C. was raised by his grandparents, Johnny and Birdie Brown. As a young boy, Wes developed his strong work ethic by tending to the many chores on his grandparents' small, farm-like residence. As Wes reached the age of 17, he decided to do the honorable thing to serve his country and joined the United States Marine Corps. Throughout his time in the service during the Korean War, he worked in many capacities but excelled as an airplane engineer mechanic. Wes was honorably discharged, after earning the rank of Sergeant in 1957. Wes then returned home to Los Angeles where he married and became an instant father to two young boys, Steve and John Berry. He soon found employment as a long-haul truck driver. For the next several years as he traveled from coast to coast, his family grew with the births of 3 additional boys: David, Jeff, and Scott. After his first marriage ended, he gained custody of his children. He was a loving and dedicated father and always found time in his busy schedule to coach several sports teams simultaneously. He will always be remembered as an enthusiastic, influential coach and mentor. As a new available bachelor, Wes would frequent a truck stop café in Desert Center, California, where he met a cute waitress by the name of Diana Pointer. After many slices of coconut cream pie, the couple was married on December 12, 1970. When Diana said, "Yes, I do" she also became an instant mother to Jeff and Scott. The new couple left the hustle and bustle of California and moved to Oklahoma. While in Oklahoma, Wes continued to work as a long-haul truck driver and the family grew with the births of his daughter, Kristie and son, Kenneth.



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Following eight years in Oklahoma, Wes was transferred to Beaufort, Missouri where he ended his career with Consolidated Freight Ways. An exceptional truck driver, Wes drove more than two million miles accident free. He entered the truck drivers rodeo where he proudly won first place locally and second place nationally. In 1984, Wes became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He soon earned the nick name "The Candy Man" with the children at church as he always had a pocket-full of mints. He served the church in many capacities; he was a dedicated temple ordinance worker in the St. Louis Temple for 4 years, and he and Diana later served a Family and Church History mission in Salt Lake City, Utah. Wanting to be near family, Wes and Diana moved to Oklahoma two years ago. It is with great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Wes Nevins on June 14, 2020 at his home. Wes was in his 83rd year. Those he leaves to cherish his memory include: his wife of 49 ½ years, Diana; children: Jeff and wife, Penny, of Tulsa; Scott and wife, Caryn, of Nowata; Kristie, and husband Noah Reynolds, of Omaha; and Kenneth of Bixby; step-sons: Steve and John Berry; grandchildren: Ashleigh Nevins, Tyler Nevins, Rachel Halversen, Lincoln Reynolds, and Garrett Reynolds; and one great grand-daughter, Rhyan Switzer. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and young son, David. Our dad was known by his trucking friends as The Undertaker and he would close every conversation with "I'll be the last one to let you down".

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