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• Born October 4, 1939 in Oklahoma City, OK, Dewey Loyd "D.L." was the son of Dewey V. and Tulan (McConnell) Walling. D.L. spent his early childhood in Oklahoma City before the family moved to Choctaw when he was a young boy. There, he received his education and became a graduate from Choctaw High School. Upon graduation, D.L. pursued his education and enrolled at Central State in Edmond. To help pay for the cost of tuition and books, he worked selling shoes. In his spare time, he could be found at his favorite restaurant, Sussy's Pizza, the first restaurant in the OKC area to serve pizza. Little did he know, this was also a favorite spot for Miss Edmond, OK, Barbara Enterline. Occasionally, the two would run into each other and upon learning the beauty queen was single, D.L. called to ask her out. It would only be fitting for the two to go to Sussy's. D.L. and Barbara dated for a few years before marrying on June 5, 1960 in Edmond at the First United Methodist Church. The newlyweds moved to Norman to attend the University of Oklahoma. They lived in student housing until D.L. graduated in 1962 with a degree in Business Administration. He then secured a job with Conoco Pipeline Co. working in Human Resources. Conoco Pipeline required the young family to move to various places including Wyoming, Illinois, and Ponca City, OK. They would not leave Wyoming empty handed as their first baby Todd Walling would be born in Casper in 1964. D.L. later joined Shell Oil Company. This job moved the family in and around Texas as is common in the oilfield. They moved to Houston, to Midland, then back to Houston where they welcomed their baby girl, Kimberly in 1969. Houston would be their home for six years before moving to New Jersey for a few years. After enduring their years in Jersey, they moved back to Houston for the third and final time. After another six year stint in Houston with Shell and Permian, D.L. and Barbara had the opportunity they had always looked for, a move home to Oklahoma in 1984. Tulsa is



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where D.L. had a final career change working for Cities Service then Occidental Petroleum (OXY). They became members at South Tulsa Baptist Church in 1984. As the director of Human Resources, he was instrumental in the de-certification of the oilfield unions for OXY in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. For this significant accomplishment, he received a prestigious commendation from OXY Chairman, Dr. Armand Hammer. D.L. would get another transfer from OXY to Bakersfield California for a couple of years until he could retire. D.L. finally retired January 1, 2001 after a highly successful career and one more transfer to Tyler, Texas. After a few years in Tyler and a thousand or so holes of golf, they made their way back to Tulsa one last time. Through the years, the family enjoyed a favorite family vacation spot, Creede, Colorado where D.L., Barbara, and the kids enjoyed making years of family memories in the mountains, fly fishing and enjoying all of God's creation. D.L. had many hobbies. He enjoyed HO gauge trains, hunting, fishing, gun collecting, Corvettes, golf, and sailing. In retirement, D.L. could be found attending car shows, gun shows, men's prayer breakfast, leading an adult Sunday school class, and delivering clothes to the Ministry Center. The Walling's were blessed to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at South Tulsa Baptist Church amongst their family and friends. D.L. was a man who has been described as: quiet, strong, loving, faithful, funny, outgoing and gracious. He was a dear husband, father, papa and friend who will be missed by those that knew and loved him. D.L. and Barbara were able to celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary together on June 5th, 2019. D.L. passed away July 13, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. He was 79. Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are: wife, Barbara Walling; children, Todd Walling and wife Liz, Kimberly Spinner and husband Lyndon; grandchildren, , Lauren Forte and husband Scott, Lindsay Jaklevich and husband Jeff, Luke Walling and wife Stephanie, Sarah Bravo and husband Heinner, and Leah Rettig, Andrew Spinner and Sutton Spinner. He also has two great grandchildren, Denver Walling and Isaiah Jaklevich; and niece, Deanna McMahan and husband, Tom and family. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Wanda Morgan. Memorial donations may be made to South Tulsa Baptist Ministry Center; payable to: South Tulsa Baptist Church, Memo: Ministry Center, 10310 S. Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, OK 74133. Services to honor and



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celebrate the life of D.L. Walling will be 10:30 AM Thursday, July 18, 2019 at South Tulsa Baptist Church. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 6-8:00 PM at RiverCrest Chapel. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:19 Gathering RiverCrest 13329 S. Memorial Dr. Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Memorial Donations South Tulsa Baptist Church: Ministry Center 10310 S. Sheridan Road Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133 Memorial donations may be made to South Tulsa Baptist Ministry Center; payable to: South Tulsa Baptist Church, Memo: Ministry Center, 10310 S. Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, OK 74133. Service South Tulsa Baptist Church 10310 S. Sheridan Road Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133 10:30 AM Graveside Gracelawn Cemetery 24 E. 1st Street Edmond, Oklahoma 73034 3:00 PM

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