

Adair, James R. (Jimmie), 90, of Norman, a local realtor, builder and developer, died Wednesday, July 14.

Born to Henry and Ruby (Eitel) Adair in Ardmore, Oklahoma on February 10, 1920. After graduation from high school he met and married his wife of 70 years, Obreeta Von Speer. Moving to Norman in 1940, he joined his stepfather, Lee M. Biggs in the construction business until 1943 when he entered the Army. He served in the Army until 1946 at which time he returned to Norman and entered the home building business with his stepfather. Incorporating as Biggs and Son, which later became Adair & Associates Real Estate, they built hundreds of homes. In 1949, he and Mr. Biggs formed A&B Lumber Company and operated it until it was destroyed by fire in 1970. His first developments included Garver, Comanche and Eufaula Streets east of Berry Road. They also built the first urbanized house west of Berry Road.

Jimmie was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served as Deacon and Treasurer for 25 years. As a charter member of the Norman Home Builders Association, he served as President of the Norman Board of Realtors and the Norman Chamber of Commerce. Jimmie served 48 years as Director of City National Bank which became First Fidelity Bank.

He and Von were blessed with two children, Beverly Kay (deceased) and one son, James L. (Jim) Adair. Jimmie remained in business (Adair & Associates) with Jim until his death, completing in excess of 50 developments and numerous commercial projects in the Norman area.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his father, stepfather and mother. He is survived by his wife of the home; son, Jim and wife Renee; two grandchildren, Zach Adair and Ashley Adair-Garner and husband Jared; and one great grandson, Hayden Garner all of Norman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Memorial Trust, 300 W. Comanche St., Norman, OK 73069.

The family will receive family and friends from 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., Sunday, July 18, 2010 at Havenbrook Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held 10:30 A.M., Monday, July 19, 2010 at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Havenbrook Funeral Home. Officiating will

be Dr. Lavonn Brown and Wade Smith. Online memorials may be made to
www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com