

Richard E. Bennett

Richard E. Bennett, 77, of Norman, Oklahoma, died Friday, June 19, 2009, in Norman, Oklahoma. Family will greet friends during visitation from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Friday, June 26, 2009, at Havenbrook Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 4:00 P.M. Saturday, June 27, 2009, at First Baptist Church in Norman. Burial will be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at Fullerton Cemetery, Fullerton, Nebraska.

Richard was born September 13, 1931, in Nance County, Nebraska, to Glen Nelson and Esther Adelaide (McBride) Bennett. He graduated from Fullerton High School in 1948 and from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Business Administration. He married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Weir on May 11, 1952, who predeceased him. Richard met his second wife, Marjorie McDougal while a student at the University of Nebraska. and they married on February 5, 1956, in Lincoln Nebraska. Marjorie predeceased Richard in February, 2009.

Richard worked as Director of Purchasing Services for the University of Nebraska and then for the University of Oklahoma Purchasing Department for 13 years until 1995. He served as adjunct faculty teaching Certified Purchasing Management at the Oklahoma City Community College. He also served as a consultant to the U.S. Agency for International Development to equip a new medical college and hospital at Ataturk University, Erzurum, Turkey.

Richard was an active member of First Baptist Church and was active in the O.U. Retirees Group and served as the Benefits Committee Chair. He served as a volunteer with Vista Tax Assistance. He was active in the National Association of Educational Buyers (NAEB) where he authored 3 books and received many awards He was an active member of the National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM). He enjoyed a number of hobbies including traveling, fishing, canoeing and camping.

Mr. Bennett was preceded in death by his parents, wives, Marilyn Weir Bennett and Marjorie McDougal Bennett, grandson, Craig, and niece, Debra Nelton Struthers. He is survived by twin daughters, Marilyn Jean Bennett, and Mrs. Jacqueline Heidorn and husband, Mark; son, Glenn W. Bennett and wife, Sharon; grandsons, Philip, Kristopher and Benjamin Heidorn, and Scott Bennett, and many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Memorial contributions may be made to the Senior Adult Ministries at First Baptist Church, 211 W. Comanche, Norman, Oklahoma 73069.

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