



George Salamy

September 20, 1922 - March 30, 2014

The greatness of a man can always be measured by his willingness to be kind. George Salamy, 91 of Anadarko, Oklahoma, surrounded by his loving family, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 30, 2014. George was born September 20, 1922, in Mayfield, Kentucky, to T. J. and Eva (Jabour) Salamy. He spent the majority of his youth in Borger, Texas, where he developed a love for music through playing his trumpet in the band and singing. His family settled in Anadarko, Oklahoma, in 1939 where George completed his education. He began his career in retail with his uncle, Ed Jabour at the Leader Store where he worked for 9 years with exception to his military service in the Air Force. With the help of his uncles, Ed and Sam Jabour, he established George's Department Store in October 1948. He always greeted his customers with a genuine smile and the best customer service known to man becoming an icon in the business community. George's Department Store continues to serve as Anadarko and Caddo County's oldest department store providing shoes and clothing for the family. George married the love of his life, Dorothy Shadid, on August 26, 1956, in Drumright, Oklahoma. She was the perfect help mate supporting him to pursue the joy he found in loving and serving others. Words cannot express what an amazing husband, father, and son he was. He enriched with his kindness and compassion the lives of his children serving as the perfect role model and hero to them both. His generosity was consistently demonstrated through support of his church and community. He was one of the oldest members of

the First Christian Church of Anadarko where he served as a deacon and sang in the choir. He was active in the Anadarko Kiwanis Club where he was a longtime member. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Anadarko Masonic Lodge #21. He was a lifetime member of the University of Oklahoma Parent Association. George was a wonderful example of how to put God, family, and business in the correct order. He was a member of the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce who presented him with the 2011 Small Business of the Year Award. The City of Anadarko declared March 13, 2007, as George Salamy Day. In 1998 he received a Governor's Commendation recognizing him for "honorable and faithful service to the Great State of Oklahoma for 50 years." He is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, his parents, aunt and uncle Ed and Edna Jabour of Anadarko, and two brothers Dr. Joseph Salamy of Tulsa, and Victor Salamy of Oklahoma City. Survivors include his son and best friend, Dr. Stephen Salamy of Oklahoma City, his adoring daughter, Pamela Salamy of Norman, and his two sisters Josephine Naifeh and Victoria Hamra of Tulsa, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family will receive friends on Friday, April 4, 2014, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Smith Funeral Home. Donations in George's memory may be made to the First Christian Church, 212 SW 2nd Street, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in Anadarko with Reverend Garry McDevitt officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *What a larger than life figure Uncle George was! His joy and good nature, along with his love for family, and his love of life, stand tall in my mind. He was the life of our family gatherings, filled them with smiles, and always had something funny to say. Then he would turn serious and let everyone know how much love we had in our family. I can see him in heaven giving away the store!* ”

Garry McDevitt - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *We will miss you George. Thanks for opening up those special times to let me experience the great times at the store with my kids and just enjoy you're great love. You showed all of us.* ”

Jason Jarnagin - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We will all miss George. He was a wonderful meeting* ”

Mr.& Mrs.Phil Mannschreck - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful father.
Respectfully,
Vicki Trussell* ”

Vicki Trussell - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *My thoughts and prayers for such a wonderful Earth Angel God shared with us all. Will be greatly missed to our community.* ”

twanna main boardingham - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Scott Allen - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My heart and love goes out to the family of Mr. George. There was not a time when I came I to his shadow that I wasn't treated with kindness and respect. He always knew my exact shoe size, pants size, and age. What a legacy he has left and a sustaining light in the community that he helped nurture out of one little store. I can't help but think how awesome one solitary life really can make. Thank you family for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful man' s life by sharing him with me and ultimately the world. He's the only guy I knew who smiled as much as I do. Love and Prayers*

Marty Taylor - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *I AM SO SORRY TO RECIEVE THE NEWS OF THE LOSS OF MR. GEORGE SALAMY!!!! HE WAS AN AWESOME FRIEND TO MY MOTHER AND FATHER MR. AND MRS WILLIE BILYEU AND MYSELF AS I GREW UP THEIR IN ANADARKO!!!! A WONDERFUL MAN...HIS SMILE AND KINDNESS KNOWN BY MANY!!!! MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY!!! HE WAS LOVED AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALOT OF FOLKS!!! MAY GOD SURROUND AND BLESS THE FAMILY!!!!*

GLEND A BILYEU - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ I am so sad to hear of George's passing. He was truly a great American, a great Oklahoman and represented his faith as a great Christian by setting the example of kindness and friendliness. He will be greatly missed. I am so glad that we stopped by and visited with George a couple of years ago. My wife and daughter got to meet him as well as Steve and Pamela. We all attended The First Christian Church together when I was growing up in Anadarko. I have no doubt that George is in heaven helping all the Angles maintain their proper attire. May God continue to greatly bless this family.

Ken and Sharon Younkin

Kenneth A. Younkin - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I am sadden to hear about the passing of your father. Blessings and prayers to your family and with fond memories of Mr. Salamy.

Kathryn Roberson Painter - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ He was a wonderful man! He will be truly missed in Anadarko!!

Erika Foster Rabb - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ George was a kind and generous man. He was a lighthouse of love and friendship to all that knew him. I wish I had made the effort to stop by the store and visit with him the last time I was in Anadarko. I regret not being able to let him know the impact he made on me as a child and young man. I have used George Salamy along with my own father as examples of how to honor Jesus Christ in business throughout my life. To Steve and Pam, I love you both and am praying that our God of comfort stands close by, filling you up with wonderful memories of your precious father.

Brian Clift - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ George Salamy was an Anadarko institution. He will be remembered well.

Karlya Ann Boone - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM