



Ira Vernie McAnally

March 11, 1933 - January 29, 2012

Ira Vernie McAnally, 78, of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma was called home by the Lord on Sunday, January 29, 2012. He was born March 11, 1933 to Vernie and Eva (Smith) McAnally near Albert, Oklahoma. He was a graduate of Oney High School, where he was the school's first FFA Chapter president. He met the love of his life, Evelena Klusmeyer, and on June 2, 1952, they were united in marriage in his grandparent's home near Highland Methodist Church. He received an Associate Degree from Cameron college in Lawton. He joined the ROTC while in college at Oklahoma A&M, later to become OSU, and received a degree in Agronomy in 1955. He served active service with the U.S. Army, and later the Army Reserve, attaining the rank of Captain and received an honorable discharge in 1965. Ira worked for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (USSCS) at various locations in Oklahoma, and left the USSCS in 1963 to farm full time near Fort Cobb Lake. God blessed Ira and Evelena with four wonderful children. Ira was a loving husband, father, grandpa, neighbor and friend. His greatest love was for his wife and family. He especially enjoyed all the time he spent with his grandchildren. They farmed for 30 years, raising peanuts, cotton and other crops, as well as livestock. He enjoyed harvesting peanuts and hay, both his own and other farmers. While raising his children he was a Boy Scout leader, and was active with the Fort Cobb Little League Baseball. Ira retired from farming about 1990, and returned to college at SWOSU to obtain an accounting degree in 1991. Ira and Evelena then established the McAnally Tax Service, and Ira became an IRS Enrolled Agent,

providing tax services until 2011. He was a Mason for over 50 years, most recently a member of the Hydro Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He received recognition from the Caddo County chapter of the American Farmers and Ranchers for his years of service on the county board, the AFR and the Farmers Union. He contributed to the Oney and Fort Cobb Community. He was an active member of the Fort Cobb United Methodist Church, and later the Highland United Methodist Church, where he was also treasurer. Ira will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife, Evelena of fifty-nine years Three sons, Rex and wife Susan, of Carrollton, TX, David of Rhome, TX, Tim and wife, Devon of Enid, OK One daughter, Sharla Tapper of Hydro, OK, Nine grandchildren, Christopher McAnally and wife Jean of Shanghai China, Brett McAnally and wife Crystal of Tyler, TX, Kyle McAnally of Carrollton, TX, Caitlin and Meghan McAnally of Enid, OK, Shelbi Tapper of Oklahoma City, OK, Courtni Covington and husband Dustin of Weatherford, OK, Kelsi and Kerisa Tapper of Hydro, OK, One great grandchild, Diesel McAnally of Tyler, TX, Two sisters, Mary Frances Andrews and husband Fred T. of Binger, OK, Ruth Ann Reynolds and husband Norman of Lamar, AR, Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Vernie and Eva McAnally, and one brother Leroy A celebration of Life will be at 2:00 P. M., Tuesday, January 31, 2012 Highland United Methodist Church-Oney, OK Burial will follow in the Eakly Cemetery, Eakly, OK, under the direction of the Fort Cobb Funeral Home in Fort Cobb, OK

Tribute Wall

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“ *With deepest sympathy*

Terry & Linda Immel, John & Becky Schwanke - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Evelena and family; Prayers and sympathy in your behalf for your loss knowing that you can find comfort in God's eternal promise. Evelena, I'm remembering school days at Sickles and also that our mothers were lifelong friends dfrancen@hotmail.com*

Rev. Don Francen - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To David and Family:
It sounds like you had a great father, who was an example to both family and community. He will be greatly missed but his legacy will continue for a long time to come. May peace be with you and your family.*

Rick and Marlene Sagers - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Healing beams David for you and your family.*

Greg Higgins - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM