



Lilbern Kent Dabney

December 11, 1932 - January 22, 2018

Lilbern Kent Dabney was born December 11, 1933, the second son of Jesse Clifford Dabney and Bessie Adams Dabney. His brother, C.B. Dabney and two of his sisters, Mary Vaughn and Jesse Gardner and his niece, Robbie Vaughn, predeceased him. Lilbern (Lib) is survived by his loving sister, Darla Lunsford and her husband Gerald of Oklahoma City; his nephews: Wayne and Don Dabney, Kevin and Steven Lunsford, Dan, Tim and Mark Vaughn and David Gardner; and his niece, Kathleen Lunsford Liner. Lib lived all but 10 of his 85 years in Caddo County. He was born in Anadarko, OK and lived with his family in the Gracemont-Binger area until he was eight years of age. In 1941, his family bought a farm east of Amber, sold it ten years later and bought a farm on Gawkey Creek, southwest of Fort Cobb, OK. Lib's nephews and nieces often spent time in the summer visiting on the farm. After Lib's farm duties were completed, and sometimes before, he spent hours with them fishing or swimming in the creek, swinging on the creek's vines, doodling in the hot sand. After his father died, Lib and his mother bought a home on East Street in Ft. Cobb. In the last years of her 92 year old life she suffered from dementia. Although soft-spoken, sweet and kind, she did not want Lib to leave her sight. He mostly complied and remained until her death as her self-less, never complaining, loving caretaker. Lib had many guests at his home, both family and Ft. Cobb friends. Frequently, Patsy Shook, his cousin, who lived in nearby Washita, spent the day with him. In his final convalescence, she was often at his side. She is a kind, loving and selfless person and the family is grateful for

her gentle kindness. Special thanks is given to the several employees of Lifeline of Chickasha, for the professional, diligent and kind attention they provided to Lib. Sometimes he could entice one of them to a dominoes game. Lib loved living in Ft. Cobb and loved its people. The community returned his love. He particularly appreciated the visits he had from his hay-hauling friends, Glen Haas, Verle Coon and Mike Sebastian, the Ft. Cobb banker who kept his TV repaired or even replaced. He had a great memory and regularly detailed conversations he had with the many Ft. Cobb friends and neighbors, men and women who visited him. Lib also loved sports, especially Oklahoma football. He attended several OU games and could regularly relate game-winning plays that he had seen years earlier. His most-often mentioned player was Joe Washington. On one of his only trips outside the state, Lib and nephew Wayne, spent a Fourth of July week in St. Louis. Lib marveled at the fireworks on the Mississippi River and the jets flying over. They spent a day at the St. Louis Zoo, where he rode twice, the zoo train, the Merry Go Round and saw every animal and the bears twice. They spent an afternoon at a Cardinal's game, an afternoon at Grant's Farm and had his photo taken with a Budweiser Clydesdale horse. On the way home, they toured Marvel Cave where Lib was especially impressed by watching Kate Smith, on screen in the cave, sing "God Bless America." When he got back home he was asked how he liked the big city. He quickly answered, "I am sure glad I live in Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma!"

Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M., Friday, January 26, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Fort Cobb. Pastor Gerald Lunsford will officiate and Rev. Steve Goodson, assisting. Burial will follow in the Gracemont Cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Fort Cobb Funeral Home in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

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“ *I'm so sorry for your family's loss. I hope you find comfort in God's promise of a resurrection & in the many wonderful memory's you made & shared together. John 5:28,29. You have my condolences.*

Tara - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM