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And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace bethine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*



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Bill was a proud member of the Elks. He loved traveling, the beach, football (especially his OU Sooners and KC Chiefs), and making up his own rules for golf. Bill will be remembered for his big laugh and bigger personality, his sass and entertaining stories, and his generosity, always willing to help anyone in need. Most importantly, he will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Beverly Dean Tefertiller, father, Robert E. Naughton, and two sisters, Kimberly Price and Bobbie Naughton. He is survived by his wife, Ann Tefertiller, of the home; his children, Michael Tefertiller of Flateby, Norway, Jennifer Sanden of Flateby, Norway, Cameron Goad and wife Amy, Tulsa, OK, and Courtney Neal and husband Chris, Glenpool, OK; his grandchildren, Kevin and Adrian Tefertiller, Ariana and Isabel Sanden, Brayden, Logan and Emmett Goad, and Peyton, Noah, Oliver and Hazel Neal; his great-grandson, Gabriel Gonzalez; his sisters, Jimi Smith and husband Gene, Houston, TX, Deborah Wright and husband John, Bethel, OK, and Cindy Smith, Seminole, OK; his life-long best friend, Rick Austin; and numerous other family and friends.



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