

For A Life Lived Fully

We gather not only in sorrow, but in gratitude —
For a man who did not simply live, but truly lived.

He was never still for long.

There was always a road to take,
A place to see, A new tradition unfolding,
The world felt smaller because he explored it,
And bigger because he taught us to be positive within it.

He led without demanding to lead.

A quiet strength. A steady compass.

The kind of person whose presence

Made you stand a little taller.

He was inventive —

Able to fix what was broken, build what was needed,
And imagine what others could not yet see.

Turning obstacles into stories

And problems into possibilities.

But more than what he did Was who he was.

Kind, in the small unnoticed moments.

Thoughtful, in gestures that appeared simple

But meant everything. He was brave —

Not only in the adventures he took and paths he traveled,
But in the responsibilities, he carried.

He protected. He supported. He encouraged.

As a patriarch of a family,

He gave more than he ever asked for.

As a leader, he guided. As a heart of the family,

He held everyone steady.

And though his hands are now at rest,

The lessons he built into us remain —

In how we solve problems. In how we remain positive in all situations.

In how we step forward when something needs doing.

He traveled far in this life, But his greatest journey

Was the one he made with all of us.

We will miss his voice, His steady presence.

But we will carry his courage.

We will carry his kindness. We will carry his strength.

And in doing so, we carry him.

Forever a leader. Forever a tradition keeper.

Forever in our hearts.

~ Diana Cataldo-Long

Graveside Service

Floral Haven Cemetery

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Thursday, February 19, 2026

2:00 PM

Officiating Minister

Chaplain Steve Holestine

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Chaplain Steve Holestine

The Lord's Prayer

Read by Natalie Cota

Obituary

Chaplain Steve Holestine

Poem

“For A Life Lived Fully”

Read by Owen Long and Ledger Long

Message

Chaplain Steve Holestine

Closing Prayer

Chaplain Steve Holestine

Song

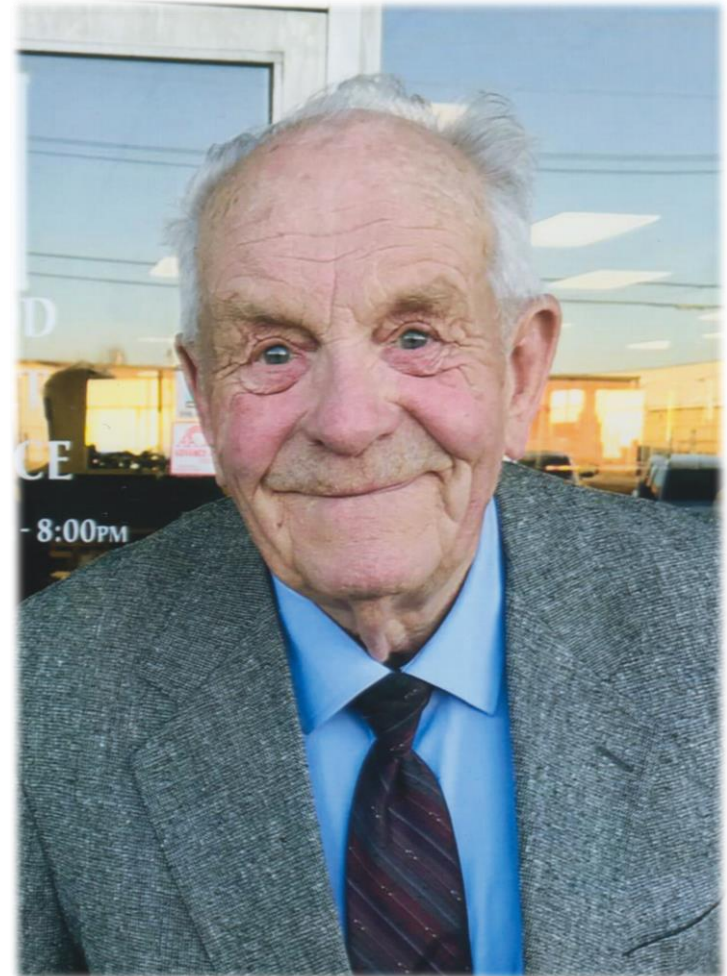
“On The Road Again”

Casket Bearers
Stephen Pruitt Michael Cataldo
Carson Long Daniel Cota
Michael Garry

*Honorary
Casket Bearers*
Dave Smith Roger Quimby
Becky Becker

Honoring the Legacy and Love of

Werner Knigge



*With love and remembrance,
you are invited to sign the
online guestbook and view the
obituary by scanning the code*



*Arrangements and services entrusted to
Johnson Funeral Home
Sperry, Oklahoma*

July 21, 1932 ~ February 14, 2026