

Boyd Owen Cheney went home to be with the Lord on March 13, 2025. He was born February 4, 1935, in Bennett, Nebraska to Ralph and Lena Cheney. He rode a horse to school and worked with his older brother Dwight and mother and father on their farm. When he was eight years old, his family moved to Decatur, Arkansas. They lived on a beautiful farm outside of town. Boyd worked not only on their family farm but also for other farmers when they needed extra help. He had a reputation for being a hard worker, and he gained experience in mechanics, engineering, livestock and all other things necessary to run a successful farm. He loved baseball and played both baseball and basketball for Decatur High School. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1954, and a year later married his high school sweetheart, Joann Coddington. Boyd and Joann moved to Oklahoma City in 1955 where he worked as a diesel mechanic. His work ethic was extraordinary. He often worked more than one job once the kids came along, so that the family would have everything they needed. Boyd later went to work for the United States Postal Service and at one time had the longest walking route in Oklahoma City. Later, he worked for Cross Construction where he ran heavy equipment for large construction projects.

The thing that made Boyd so special was his love for his wife and his kids. He was a quiet and humble man with a servant's heart and a great sense of humor. He was devoted to the Lord, his family, and his friends. He served as an elder of the Cornwell Drive Church of Christ for many years. He used his talents by helping to build classrooms at the church and a cabin at Lariat Creek Christian Camp for the youth group. His life embodied the fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He was a blessing to all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years and 10 months, Joann, his son, Mike Cheney of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, daughter, Cathy Olaniyan and husband Akin of Tulsa, Oklahoma, daughter, Janet Stephens and husband Bob of Earlsboro, Oklahoma, 5 grandchildren who he loved dearly, Andy Stephens and wife Leslie of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Matt Stephens and wife Megan of Mustang, Oklahoma and Dineji Olaniyan of Tulsa, Oklahoma, 5 great-grandchildren who he delighted in: Peyton Stephens, Henry Boyd Stephens (his namesake), Rex Stephens, Casey Stephens and Sloan Stephens. He will be sorely missed.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all the staff at The Regency Nursing facility for the love and care they provided Boyd over the last months of his life. Also, thanks to Loving Care Hospice especially Jalinda, Gail, Connie and Rebecca. You were all such a blessing.



In Loving Memory



Boyd Owen Cheney

February 4, 1935

March 13, 2025

Funeral Ceremony for
Boyd Owen Cheney

*Tuesday, March 21, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning
Walker Funeral Chapel
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Order of Ceremony

Prayer - Steve Kelly

Eulogy - Logan Edmison

Song - "I'll Fly Away" - Larry Markle

Thoughts & Prayer - Bob

Song - "To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way" - Dale Beard

Slide Show

Final Resting Place

*Resthaven Memorial Park
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Pallbearers

Matt Stephens

Andy Stephens

Dineji Olaniyan

Akin Olaniyan

Mike Cheney

Bob Stephens

Honorary Pallbearer — Tracy Gettle

*Jesus said to her, "I am the
resurrection and the life. The one who
believes in me will live, even though
they die; and whoever lives by
believing in me will never die.*

John 11:25-26

