

*A Prayer from Psalm 18*

*I love you, Lord – my strength.*

*You are my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.*

*My God, in whom I take refuge – my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to you, Lord, worthy of all praise, and you save me from my enemies. The cords of death entangle me; the torrents of destruction overwhelm me. In my distress, I call to you. I cry to you, my God, for help. From your temple, you hear my voice; my cry reaches your ears. You mount the cherubim and fly; you soar on the wings of the wind. Out of the brightness of your presence, clouds advance – with hailstones and bolts of lightning. You thunder from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounds. The valleys of the sea are exposed, and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, Lord – at the blast of breath from your nostrils. You reach down from on high and take hold of me; you draw me out of deep waters. You bring me out into a spacious place, you rescue me, because you delight in me.*

*Walter Phillip Erwin*

*Welcome ~ Mitch Wilburn, Minister of Park Church of Christ*

*Family Entrance ~ “Psalm 23”*

*Opening Prayer ~ Mitch Wilburn, Minister*

*Obituary Reading ~ Frank Erwin and Danny Kinney*

*Opening Music Selections*

*“Shout Hallelujah” “Blessed Be Your Name”  
“Battle Belongs to the Lord” “It Is Well with My Soul”*

*Grandkids Song ~ “Jesus Loves Me”*

*Sharing Memories from Family and Friends*

*Message ~ Mitch Wilburn, Minister*

*Slideshow Presentation of Walt’s Life*

*Closing Music Selections*

*“What the Lord Has Done in Me” “Still”  
“Worthy is the Lamb” “When We all Get to Heaven”*

*Closing Prayer ~ Mitch Wilburn, Minister*

*Dismissal ~ “Well Done”*

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Frank Erwin	Jason Erwin
Danny Kinney	Steve Anderson
Dale Bresee	Chris Butson
Jim Roberts	Mitch & Shannon Wilburn
Dr. Irfan Kundi, M.D.	Walt’s Forge Group
Uniting Men To Become Promise	Keepers Task Force

Memorial Donations in Walt’s memory may be made to: Contact Mission Church of Christ in Tulsa, OK or Hope Harbor, Inc. in Claremore, OK.

Walt, a beloved Husband, Dad, Papa, Brother, and faithful Servant of God, was born April 6, 1951, in Henryetta, OK, to Francis Marion Erwin and Jerry Nell (Hart) Erwin. He went to be with the Lord on July 25, 2025, in Tulsa, OK.

Walt lived a life marked by deep faith, relentless love, sacrificial giving and selfless service. Walt gave his life to Jesus at nine years old, but it was around age 30 when he encountered the Holy Spirit in a way that ignited a lifelong passion. From that moment on, his mission was clear: to not just believe the words of Jesus, but to live them. He dedicated his life to walking in the power of the Holy Spirit and teaching others to do the same – encouraging everyone he met to “Do What Jesus Would Do” (DWJWD). His favorite verse was James 1:22. On June 24, 1972, Walt married his high school sweetheart, Kathy Kay Kinney. After they were married, they lived in Norman, and both graduated from OU with business degrees. They moved back to Tulsa and together they raised three children, who continue to carry on their father’s legacy of faith and love. Walt was a proud Papa to his nine precious grandchildren. Nothing brought him more joy than being surrounded by his family, especially during holidays and the large, memory-filled family trips he so loved to plan. In 1981, Walt’s faith was tested when he had to go on dialysis for 14 months until he received a kidney transplant from his brother Frank – a gift of life that miraculously lasted 34 years. In 2017, he received a second transplant from Shannon Wilburn which gave him 7.5 more precious years. Because of the transplant, he was able to witness the birth of two more grandchildren. He always thanked the Lord for the extra time he was given to be with his kids and grandkids. In the 1990s, Walt had a dream to start a men’s ministry movement, called “Uniting Men to Become Promise Keepers.” From 1993 to 1999, he spearheaded and hosted events attended by over 51,000 men at TU Skelly Stadium, ORU Mabee Center and Garnett Church of Christ during which thousands of men surrendered their lives to Jesus. Walt believed deeply in the power of godly men to transform their families, churches, and communities.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Erwin; his children, Matthew, Holly, and Kyler and their spouses; grandchildren, Tyler, Lucas, Jake, Avery, Eisley, Ellis, Benzli, Elish, and Nash; brother, Frank Erwin; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Jerry Erwin; and brother, David Erwin.

Walt lived with uncommon courage, kindness, and deep conviction. He was always looking for ways to serve, to bless, to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the everyday moments. Whether he was praying over someone at church, encouraging a young father, or playing with his grandkids, Walt left a lasting mark—one of love, humility, and grace. He finished his race well. He fought the good fight. And now he hears the words he longed for his whole life: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

To God be the glory.

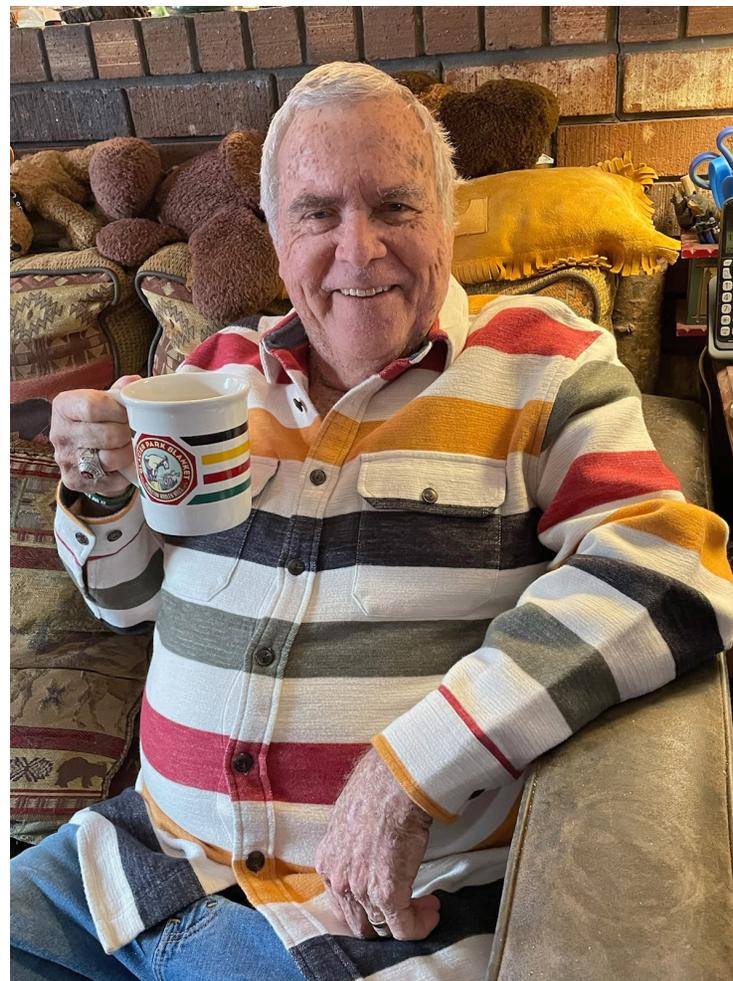
We all love you Honey, Dad, Papa, Walt and we will miss your generosity, laughter and the love you gave to all of us.



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*Celebrating a Remarkable Life*

*Walter Phillip Erwin*



*April 6, 1951 ~ July 25, 2025*