

## **Arthur Franklin (Frank) Dawkins**

Arthur Franklin (Frank) Dawkins, age 88, of Norman, died February 26, 2010, peacefully at home surrounded by family. He was born April 21, 1921, in Richmond County, North Carolina, to Arthur Sanford and Maude Morrison Dawkins. After graduating high school in 1940, Frank joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. He flew as a pilot during WWII in the South Pacific and with the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War. Upon his return from the South Pacific, he flew with pride for the North Carolina Air National Guard Fighter Interceptor Squadron. In 1959 he began as a pilot for what is now the Federal Aviation Administration in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1961 he was transferred to Oklahoma City to help start the jet flight inspection program. He retired from the FAA in 1979 after 39 years of government service. During this same time period, he became a member of the Oklahoma Air National Guard, flying many trips to Vietnam and Southeast Asia during the war, and retired as a Major in 1979. His passion for flying gave him great adventures, world travels, and many life long friends.

Frank loved to cook for family, friends and his church. He loved sharing coffee or a cold drink with friends while talking over the world's events, often taking either side of an argument to keep the conversation lively and ongoing. He was a volunteer all his life for his children's' schools, the volunteer activities of Goodrich Memorial Methodist Church, NARAF, the Oklahoma Air National Guard Gray Eagles, and most important, his 24 plus years serving Norman Meals on Wheels. In 2005, he was honored as Norman's United Way Senior Volunteer of the Year.

He is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Annie Josephine Calvert Dawkins, the cute little girl who moved next door when he was 10; three children, Frank Jr. and his wife Suzanne of Alexandria, Virginia; Jane Linscott and her husband Jeff, of Bellingham, Washington; and son Robert and his wife Sharon, of Norman. He loved his six grandchildren; Justin and his wife Jen and Jimmy of Norman, Jason Linscott and his wife Candis of Plano, Texas, Katie Linscott of Bellingham, WA., John Linscott of Eugene, OR., and Amy Dawkins of Alexandria, VA. He was especially pleased with the newest addition to the family, great grandson Liam, of Plano, Texas. He is also survived by family members in North Carolina and many friends nationwide.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. David Clemens and Dr. David Williams and his staff at Sooner Dialysis, especially Tom and Janie for their compassionate care for Frank during these last trying months.

A visitation will be held a Havenbrook Funeral Home (3401 Havenbrook Street, Norman) at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Memorial service at Goodrich Memorial Church at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2010.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Norman Meals on Wheels (PO Box 1371 Norman, OK 73070) or the Goodrich Memorial Methodist Church GC Gers Memorial Fund ( PO Box 523 Norman, OK 73070).

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