

## Marion Otis Spears

December 8, 1913 - June 12, 2013

Memorial services will be held for Marion Otis Spears of Roswell, at 11 am Friday, June 14, 2013 at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Pastor Randy Nolen officiating. Military honors will be provided by Roswell Veteran's Honor Guard.

Marion Otis Spears passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Mr. Spears was born in Boswell, Oklahoma on the 8th of December, 1913 to John Marshall Spears II and Nina Gertrude Alewine Spears. He was 99 years of age and was loved by all who knew him.

When he was nine years old his family moved by train to Tahoka, TX. He served in the Air Force during World War II as a glider pilot instructor.

He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX. After serving as head teacher and principal in several west Texas towns, he was superintendent of Tahoka public schools for three years. He retired from the Texas school system and moved to New Mexico where he was a classroom teacher for three years in Ruidoso area. He then became superintendent of the Quemado, NM school system. After a three-year tenure there, he went to Ilo, Peru, where he was the head teacher for American dependents whose parents worked for Southern Peru Copper Corporation.

After returning from Peru, he had various jobs in his retirement including working as a mobile tool salesman to having his own cleaning service with his wife, Christine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son , Monty Gail, sisters, Winnie Bartley and Lois Jaynes, brother, Wayne, and granddaughter, Wendy Spears Fitzpatrick.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Christine of the family home; two sons, Terry Spears and his wife, Cheri of Bartlesville, OK; Tom Spears and his wife, Jona of Grants, NM; one step-son, Barry Williams and his wife, Maria Cristina of Portland, OR; two step daughters, Susan Arvizu and her husband, Bobby of Whidbey Island, WA; and Hazel Yoshida of Menifee, CA; step-children, Ian Williams of Winnipeg, Manitoba , Canada and Shirley Williams Yuen of Victoria BC, Canada; 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marion Otis Spears*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *There is a little more that most people do not know about my father. He graduated from high school in 1931, and after waiting until 1932 for my mother to graduate, he and she started attending Texas Tech University, each aiming to get a degree in education. After the first year, an uncle who was financing their education, died. They had enough education by then to get teaching positions in schools in rural Lynn County in Texas. They secured jobs first in Lynn county and later in others.*

*When the war broke out, my father told the county superintendent that he was going to enlist in the armed forces. Although he was told that he would not have to enter the army if he kept on teaching, he insisted on volunteering with the U. S. Army. He learned to fly both powered aircraft and gliders, and in time he was assigned to train new glider pilots.*

*Strange. He was a teacher before the war and during the war, and a few years after the war he returned to the same profession.*

**Terry Spears** - June 16, 2013 at 09:15 PM



*I remember your dad as a very caring individual and loved the students at THS. I know you are left with wonderful memories!*

**Claudette Morse** - June 16, 2013 at 10:05 PM

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*Terry can you please contact me. Chuck Goff Bristol Va. 2767914073*

**Chuck Goff** - February 22, 2020 at 02:47 PM

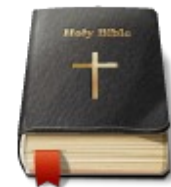
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“ *It is a better world you go to than you left. You are missed.*

**Terry Spears** - June 16, 2013 at 08:35 PM

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“ *RIP o good and faithful servant. You were joyful to be around at Westminster. I enjoyed our mens' prayer breakfasts together. You were very generous to the church and loved by all. My condolences to your wife and family.*



*Robert Allen and Mary Stickford*

**Bob Allen** - June 13, 2013 at 09:30 AM