

Obituary

Robert Taft Pruitt was born October 4, 1929 in Simsboro, Louisiana. He was the fourth of five children born to Willis and Josephine Pruitt. He was educated in Simsboro, Louisiana. On Nov. 8, 1952, Robert married his childhood sweetheart Carrie Lee Davis in Oklahoma City. Nine children were born to this union.

Robert retired from Tinker Air Force Base after 33 years of service. He was a devoted and loving father, grandfather and great grandfather who enjoyed going to church and serving the Lord. As his health began to fail and he could no longer attend church as often as he wanted, he would often say "I sure hate that I missed church."

He was a former member of the New Bethel Baptist Church and the Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. In January 2012, he joined the Greater Trinity Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Duane R. Talley and was named deacon emeritus.

Robert was an avid farmer for many years and continued to grow vegetables until his health failed. He was also a huge Oklahoma City Thunder, Dallas Cowboys, Atlanta Braves, and OU Sooner fan and loved family gettogethers where there were always laughs and jokes for hours. He taught his children that if you argue, do not hold a grudge, always mend the relationship. He was and will always be the true patriarch of our family.

Robert departed this life on June 1, 2014 surrounded by his loving family. His wife Carrie Lee Pruitt, sons: Bobby Glen Pruitt and Barry Pruitt; his parents, sister: Betty Lou Pruitt and brother: J.C. Pruitt, preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory two brothers, Obra (Jack) Pruitt, Houston, Texas and Huey (Scottie) Pruitt, Grambling, Louisiana; two sons, Robert Pruitt Jr. and Barney Pruitt, both of Oklahoma City; five daughters: Diana Morris (Bernard), Rancho Cucamonga, CA; Barbara Henderson, Oklahoma City; Beverly (Bennett) Hardeman, Oklahoma City; Cheryl Talley (Barry), Oklahoma City and Tiffani Pruitt, Oklahoma City. Grandchildren: Rochell Pruitt, Antigua Pruitt, Sileena Pruitt, Alana Pruitt, Malik Pruitt, Aaliyah Pruitt, Christopher Stephenson, Geoffrey Morris, Matthew Morris, Tracie Henderson, T.J. Henderson Jr., Jamal Williams, Betty Bennett-Watson, TyRon Bennett, Shannon Johnson, Brandi Wrightner, Robert (Robbie) Pruitt and 11 great grandchildren.

Robert also leaves behind a good friend whom he was very fond of, Dwight Farmer of 44 years and two special neighbors: Jack Thompson, who would often keep him company playing dominoes and helping him with tasks around his home and Alice Davis, his longtime next door neighbor.

"Our dad will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. We love you Dad."