



## James E. Thielke

January 10, 2017

James E. Thielke, 78, passed away in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 with his family and pastor by his side. Jim was born in Minnesota to Melvin and Florence Thielke.

After Jim graduated from high school, he moved to Enid, Oklahoma where he worked for Champlin Petroleum. There he met Lynne Easterly and they were married in 1959. The couple soon moved to Moore, Oklahoma and Jim began his studies at the University of Oklahoma. He graduated in 1965 with a degree from the OU School of Accounting and began what would become an extremely impressive career. He passed the CPA exam in 1967 and was awarded the "Gold Medal Award" for achieving the highest exam score in the state of Oklahoma. Jim went to work for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company/KPMG. He became a partner in 1972 and then partner-in-charge of the tax practice for KPMG's Oklahoma City office. In addition to his work at the firm, he held leadership roles in many accounting organizations. He served as president for the Oklahoma Society of CPAs and was a member of its Hall of Fame. He also served on the advisory board for the University of Oklahoma Steed School of Accounting. He was involved in many civic activities including the All Sports Association of Oklahoma City.

Jim was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. He and Lynne spent many happy retirement years traveling the country in their motor coach seeing new sights and meeting new people. Road trips were second though to the enjoyment found watching his three granddaughters play soccer, basketball or any other sport. He truly loved being part of their lives and could often be found playing cards or dominoes with them. Jim spent many second Saturdays in October with his twins, Christi and David, cheering for the Sooners to beat Texas at the Cotton Bowl. He was a loyal friend to many and all of his friends and family benefitted greatly from his positive attitude and outlook on life. Jim had a great faith in Jesus Christ and was very involved in his church communities. He was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Moore, Oklahoma. He also attended and was very active at Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Jim is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lynne; daughter Christi Thielke Graham and husband Eric; son David Thielke and wife Jennifer; grandchildren Mia, Grace and Ava

Thielke; his siblings and their spouses Phyllis Harste (Loren), Melvin Thielke (Marilyn) and Karen Van Aalsburg (Dick). Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Marion Thielke.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Jim Thielke will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 NW 164th Street, Edmond, OK. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Oklahoma Society of CPAs Education Fund, to the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business, Steed School of Accounting or to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

# Cemetery

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## Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr  
Enid, OK, 73701

# Events

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**JAN** **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Memorial Park Cemetery  
6405 Memorial Dr, Enid, OK, US, 73701

**JAN** **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Holy Trinity Lutheran  
308 NW 164th Street, Edmond, OK, US

# Comments

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“ A fantastic wonderful friend.

Sylvia and Jack Milavic

Jack A. Milavic - January 19, 2017 at 05:17 PM

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“ Lynne and family,  
Mike and I were saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We have many memories of Jim at Red River. It was easy tell how much Jim enjoyed being around his family. The times that everyone gathered at Sundance, how easy it was to talk to him and especially listening and feeling his joy when he talked about his grandchildren. Lynne, please know that Mike and I are thinking of you, praying for you, and remembering Jim as a friend, and a wonderful family man. He will be missed.  
Mike and Carolyn Watts

Mike and Carolyn Watts - January 16, 2017 at 10:16 PM

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“ Lynn and family, Our deepest sympathy, In the short time we have known Jim, what an amazing man. He was so pleasant and truly genuine. He has left behind more lesson that he taught, then we will ever know. We are thankful for the short visits and time we had with him. Sending warm hugs from Wisconsin. Joe & Rosie

Rosie Lisowe - January 14, 2017 at 12:59 PM

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“ May God comfort you during this time of grief and loss. Jim was so special to Mom and Dad. Some of their fondest memories in retirement were the times spent with Jim and Lynne and we got to hear the stories after they returned. Me and my siblings always enjoyed the annual visits of Jim and Lynne to Minnesota- usually in the summer. Wonderful memories- all of them. I will never forget Jim encouraging David to stay and watch the butchering of the hogs since he "might not ever get another chance". "That's alright" was the return reply as David calmly but purposefully continued to walk away.

neil thielke - January 14, 2017 at 09:42 AM

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“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of James E. Thielke.



January 13, 2017 at 11:13 AM

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“ & Steve purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of James E. Thielke.



& Steve - January 13, 2017 at 09:24 AM