

Kenneth J. Bell

March 1, 1930 – April 17, 2023

Kenneth J. Bell, 93, was born on March 1, 1930 to Harold Henry and Alma Wilma (Southwick) Bell in Cleveland, OH, and passed away in Stillwater, OK, on April 17, 2023. In 1951, he earned his B.S. in chemical engineering at Case Institute of Technology. He received the M.Ch.E. (chemical engineering) in 1953 and the Ph.D.ChE. in 1955, both from the University of Delaware. Ken had a long and distinguished career in chemical engineering, including serving as a professor of chemical engineering at Oklahoma State University from 1961 to 1994 when he retired as Emeritus Regents Professor of Chemical Engineering. After retiring, he continued to teach and consult for a number of years. Ken was recognized internationally as an expert in the field of process heat transfer, which resulted in his receiving a number of awards and honors, including the Donald Q. Kern award in 1978 and the Max Jakob award in 2003. Ken and Karen Yvonne (McLemore) Bell married on June 23, 1956, in Lakewood, Ohio. To this union, three daughters were born: Lorna, Tami and partner Michelle, and Ellen (Pete) and one son, Craig (Lesley). Ken was predeceased by his parents, his wife, and his sister, Marilyn. He is survived by his four children and three grandchildren.