

James Edmund Halligan

June 23, 1936 – October 25, 2022

Dr. James E. Halligan, 86, was born on June 23, 1936, in Moorland, IA, to Raymond and Ann (Crawford) Halligan and passed away on October 25, 2022, in Oklahoma City, OK. He graduated from Moorland High School in 1954 and later enlisted in the US Air Force, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Jim and Ann Sorenson were married on June 29, 1957. To this union, three sons were born: Michael, Patrick, and Christopher. Jim received the bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Iowa State. He worked at several universities, including Texas Tech University, University of Missouri-Rolla, University of Arkansas, New Mexico State University, and as the 16th president of Oklahoma State University where he and Ann worked tirelessly as a team. Following his retirement from OSU, Jim served for eight years in the Oklahoma Senate. Over the years, Jim received many honors, awards, and recognitions as an educator, university leader, community citizen, and association member. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Patricia Cooper, and three brothers, Sidney Halligan, Raymond Halligan, and Bill Halligan. He is survived by his wife, Ann, of the home, Michael Halligan (Glenna), Houston; Patrick (Tracy), Little Rock, and Christopher (Sarah), Charlotte, NC, as well as by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.