

# Odell Walker

August 10, 1930 – August 25, 2023

Odell Walker was born near Sayer, OK, on August 10, 1930, and passed away August 25, 2023. He spent his younger years in Western, OK, where his life centered around school, 4-H, FFA, and sports. Following high school graduation, he enrolled at Oklahoma State University where he majored in Agricultural Economics. It was at OSU where he met his future wife, Marlene Collins. Odell joined the Army ROTC program at OSU, and he kept his commitment to the US Army. Odell eventually completed the Ph.D. program at Iowa State University, after which he and his family returned to OSU in 1959, and he spent his career at OSU. He was a professor of Agricultural Economics. Odell and Marlene had four sons, Larry, Ron, Randy, and Kent. He spent his entire career at Oklahoma State University, except for six months when he had a sabbatical that took him to the University of California at Davis. Odell was an avid OSU sports fan, a golfer, and a long-life learner. He and Marlene were married for 70 years. Among his survivors are his sons and their families including five grandchildren.