



## Orion Decandry Stevens, Jr.

October 2, 1924 - July 23, 2020

Orion Decandry Stevens, Jr., born in Bristow, OK on October 2, 1924, passed into eternal life on July 23, 2020 at his home in Huntsville, TX.

A native Oklahoman, while at Oklahoma A&M, Orion was called to active duty with the Army Air Corps in 1943 and received his commission and wings at the age of 19. He was assigned to the B-17 bomber group in Foggia, Italy, where he flew 19 combat missions, earning a Purple Heart for a mission on Easter Sunday, 1945.

Following the War, Orion earned an engineering degree from Oklahoma University where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He spent his professional career in the petroleum industry, both in the United States and abroad.

As an avid golfer well into his 90's, Orion would routinely "shoot his age" and over the years made 7 holes-in-one.

Orion was preceded in death by his first wife, Leila. He is survived by his wife of 28 years Charlotte, and two stepsons, Greg Hoke and wife Kathy, and Jeff Hoke and wife Lisa. He will also be missed by his four step-grandchildren Benjamin Hoke and wife Hailey, Andrew Hoke and wife Courtney, Sarah Hoke, John Michael Hoke, and two great step-grandchildren Finley Hoke and Miles Hoke. Orion is also survived by his former daughter-in-law, Reverend Renee Hoke.

A private celebration of his life will be held graveside in Houston.

The family is grateful for the wonderful help and support of Rhonda and Ray Crooks in Orion's final days. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Comments

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“ Always shared a smile for those around him. His kindness will be greatly missed.

**Donna BellBaker** - July 27, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ I look forward to my annual visits with Charlotte and Orion while picking up and delivering their tax paperwork. Orion always created men with such a bright smile. I always loved hearing about his golf. He will be missed.

**Diana Hunziker** - July 27, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ A true gentleman. I am so glad I got to play a few rounds of golf with him over the years in the Elkins Lake “Wednesday Regulars.” I will miss him.

**Rich Heiland** - July 25, 2020 at 02:05 PM

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“ Orion's Family,

Met Orion after moving to Elkins Lake some 15 years ago. Had several opportunities to play golf with him and as Rich Heiland said in his comments, he was a delight to play with and always a gentleman.

He truly is one of the Greatest Generation!

Jerry Allen

**Jerry Allen** - July 25, 2020 at 12:19 PM

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“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Orion Decandry Stevens, Jr.



M. Hyvl - July 24, 2020 at 05:10 PM