



**Joseph H. Ambrister**  
*April 3, 1925 - February 4, 2009*

Joseph H. Ambrister, age 83, of Allen, Texas, formerly of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, passed away suddenly February 4, 2009. The seventh of eight children, he was born April 3, 1925 in Norman, Oklahoma to Samuel G. and Etta Hutchins Ambrister. He proudly served in the United States Army's 436 troop carrier group as a radio operator in the European Theatre during World War II. Joe graduated from the University of Oklahoma with both a B.S. in Zoology and a B.S. in Geology. He worked as a geologist for Sinclair Oil Company, Texas Oil and Gas, and later was an independent geologist. A life-long lover of the arts, Joe enjoyed playing the violin and listening to music, and in his later years traveled all over the world. He moved to the Allen area in 1996 to be closer to his grandchildren and forged many new friendships during this time. Joe charmed everyone he met with his wit and sense of humor; and impressed us all with his vast knowledge of history and sports, specifically OU football. He will be missed dearly and the memories of the laughter and kindnesses he shared will be cherished by all who knew him. He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Beverly Osteen and her husband, Richard Osteen of Garland, Texas; grandchildren, Erin Alexis, Aurora Nicole, and Ian Joseph all of Garland, Texas; brother, Edmund G. Ambrister and his wife Carolyn Ambrister of Ft. Worth, and sister-in-law Marjorie Ambrister of Apopka, Florida and numerous other loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Etta Ambrister; wife, Phyllis Beverly Ambrister; brothers, Carl, Sam, Jerome and Charles and sisters, Emma Beth Carpenter and Virginia Cameron. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 2009 at Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The family and friends are invited to the funeral home at their convenience on Sunday to pay their respects and to sign the register book. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, Allen, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Golden Retriever Rescue of North Texas, or the A to Z fund at Allen Veterinary Centre.

## Memorials

*I so remember Joe and his brother Eddie. We all were born in Norman,*

*attended Norman High and the University of Okla. My sister Anita Scatori Bumgarner knew Joe better as they were closer in age. My sister Lorita and cousin Jean Merrill and I were closer to Eddie's age. Joe was well liked by all who knew him in those days. Margarita Scatori Wilson*

**MARGARITA SCATORI WILSON, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

*Dear Beverly and family, We were so sorry and shocked to read of Joe's death in the OKC Oklahoman Sat. a.m. He was such a wonderful friend and we have such wonderful memories of our good times together - here and abroad with Friendship Force. We've missed seeing him in Guthrie when the trip got too tough for him to make, but he was always in our thoughts and we had just been speaking of him the day before we got the news. You are in our thought and prayers. He loved you all so much and always gave us an update on what was happening in the family. God bless you. Buddy and Helen Turner, 906 N. W. 74th St., Lawton, Ok 73505*

**BUDDY AND HELEN TURNER, FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

*Joe was a great man, and was always so friendly and nice to everyone. He will be greatly missed. Esther Henke, Guthrie, OK*

**ESTHER HENKE, FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

*Uncle Joe came to visit a lot after my father died when I was ten. He was so much like my dad in many ways, and I always felt I still had a part of dad when he was around. He was a good advisor and very practical, but also could be a lot of fun. I will truly miss him.*

**CARRIETTA JO COFFMAN, FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

*Sorry to hear about my friend Joe. I took over his office space when he left Sinclair. I enjoyed his company. My sympathy. Darrell*

**DARRELL DEE AVERS, FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

*I'm so sorry we are not able to be there for Uncle Joe's funeral. We will really miss him! His friendly, outgoing personality made him a stranger to no one. Uncle Joe reminded me so much of my dad. I was honored that he and Uncle Eddie walked me down the aisle at our wedding. We were touched that the photo posted on this site was taken at our wedding. We were so glad that you*

*took the time to come to Glay's for fourth of July. Your dad was his usual self. We really enjoyed his stories and his company and we miss him already. Love,  
the Hyde Family*

**ANGELA, JAMES, CLAIRE, AND LAURA HYDE, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**

*Joe was a sweet, kind man. He had a sparkle in his eye and a wit that you could not resist! Watching the pleasure and happiness he got out of spending time with his family was a delight, as was being witness to the purely mishchevious joy he found in telling a joke or recounting a prank. - What a wonderful man.*

**DARLENE LUCILLE OSTEEN, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**

*Many blessings to Beverly and family. I am sorry we are unable to make it to the services. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help out. Cell: 214-597-6200. Joe is an amazing person and I always loved watching him sit back with my grandfather talking about "grownup" economical things and laughing.*

**DALTREY & RAMA SRIMUSHNAM, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**

*We know how much you will miss this wonderful vibrant man. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

**GORDON & SHARON SWINK, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**

*Thanks GI Joe!*

**MIKE O'KC, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**

*My Uncle Joe was an exuberant person who had a great zest for living. He always had a twinkle in his eye, a smile on his face and an infectious laugh. He made everyone feel welcome and had a good heart. Joe reminded me of his father, my grandfather, who wanted to make sure everyone was comfortable and well-fed when food was served. Joe's voice was similar to my father who died in 1970. I liked that fact because I could remember my father when my Uncle Joe spoke. Even though Joe had no obligation, he was very good to my brother when my brother was in his late teens and early 20's and took a special interest in him. My mother appreciated that. Family was very important to Joe as was evidenced by the fact that he took great time and*

*energy to organize the family reunions for years. He will be missed by those that knew and loved him. I am comforted by knowing that for all eternity his spiritual being resides with God and his soul communes and celebrates with all those family members and friends that preceded him in his passing. I am proud to be an Ambrister and to be connected to this very special man. To Beverly and her family I give my deepest condolences. May family, friends and memories bring you comfort in your time of loss. Ann Ambrister Thompson*

**ANN ELIZABETH AMBRISTER-THOMPSON, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

*I will remember how much Mr. Ambrister loved his daughter and his dogs. He was the sweetest man and always so nice when he came by. We will miss him stopping by the clinic with his dog or just to see Beverly. He will be missed.*

**DEBORAH DAVIS CRAWFORD, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

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