



O'Hara, Charles Richard

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A Mass of Christian Burial for Charles Richard O'Hara, 76, of Paden, Okla. is Friday, March 11, 2022, 2 p.m. at St. Eugene Catholic Church.

Father Kelly Edwards is officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home. A vigil service will be held Thursday, March 10, 2022, 7 p.m. at Lockstone Funeral Home.

Richard was born Feb. 22, 1946, in Elk City, Okla. to John Anderson and Anna Faye (Clapp) O'Hara. He passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at his home in Paden. Richard was second of four boys in his family. They grew up on a cotton and livestock farm east of Elk City. The hard work on the farm gave them the motivation and determination to excel and work hard in life. In his high school years, he played football, basketball and baseball. He was an all-around athlete and an all-stater in all three sports. Richard graduated from Elk City High School in 1964. He enrolled at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he played basketball and baseball for the Bulldogs all four years. He earned several

championship honors and was inducted into SWOSU Sports Hall of Fame in 2019. On Oct. 3, 1969, he married Melva Kimble in Fort Sill, Okla. and made their home in Elk City. Richard earned his Bachelor's degree in 1968 from SWOSU, his Master's in 1971 from SWOSU, and Superintendent Certificate in 1981 from Oklahoma State University. His 40-year working career was made in education. He was a coach, principal, adjunct professor, superintendent and served on many boards. He enjoyed retirement and spending time with his grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: centraloklahomacampconferencecenter.snwbl.com/give-the-gift-of-camp-3. #oharastrong

Richard is survived by his wife of 53 years, Melva O'Hara of Paden.; one son, C.R. O'Hara of Cheyenne, Wyo.; two daughters, Gina Kardokus and husband, Matt, of Weatherford, Okla. and Nikki Witt of Jenks, Okla.; one brother, Tommy O'Hara and wife, Diane, of Sentinel, Okla.; sister-in-law, Sandra Boardman and husband, Duane, of Edmond, Okla.; 9 grandchildren, Kolton Kardokus and wife, Haley, Keaton Kardokus and wife, Lori, Kinzie Kardokus, Jaxon Witt, Lanie Witt, Walker Witt, Cagney O'Hara, Calvert O'Hara and Rhett O'Hara. He was loved by many nieces, nephews, teachers, former students and players. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John B. and Ronnie O'Hara.