

Charles “Charlie” Vernon Cross 1925 - 2009



Mr. Cross was born on May 16, 1925, to Ruie (Howell) and Charles W. Cross in Virgil, Kansas. Growing up in Virgil, he moved with his family to Eureka in 1941, where he graduated from high school with the class of 1943. He immediately entered into the service of his country, serving during World War Two as a pilot with the U.S. Navy. Upon discharge, he attended Kansas State University and then began his life-long career in the oil industry, in which he remained active until well into his 80's.

He was the President of the Buckeye Corporation, and a partner and eventual sole owner of Buckeye Supply Company of Kansas and Texas. In 1949, he was married to Mavis Hirsch in Madison, Kansas, where they made their home for many years with three sons. She preceded him in death in 1978. In 1983, he and Marilyn Evans were married in El Dorado.

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