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Charles was born in El Reno, Oklahoma to the late Eldon and Rena (Kegelman) Smith on May 28, 1926, and died at the age of 95 on February 27, 2022. He is survived by his wife Mary (Woodward) Smith, his son Chuck and daughter Teri, four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Following graduation from Central High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1944, he volunteered in the U.S. Army during WWII and served in Germany. He remained in the U.S. Army reserves, learning to fly airplanes and retired at the rank of Captain in 1975.

After his service in WWII, Charles graduated from Oklahoma University with a Petroleum Engineering Degree. He worked in the oil and gas industry.

Charles will be remembered as enjoying the outdoors, an enthusiastic pilot and flight instructor, and loving to be with family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 28, 2022, 1-4 p.m., at the Smith's home. Donations can be made in his honor to Wayside Waifs Animal

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“Charlie was the best of the best. He was such a kind, honorable, and nice guy with a fun sense of humor. He and Dick were practically joined at the hip when the aero club planes needed inspections or repairs. Dick says when impossible-to-get parts were needed for the old T34's, Charlie would quietly work his magic and somehow come up with what was needed to keep them running. They took occasional field trips to find parts or fix a plane literally in a field! It was their mission to keep those old planes flying and Dick couldn't have done it without Charlie's expertise in sourcing parts and being his assistant. Charlie had a great interest in our daughter's aviation career as well, and I'm sure it was because of his prompting that the club gave her a scholarship to help with her flying expenses in college. If there was something Charlie could do to help someone, he did it. No questions asked. He was the best friend anyone could have, and is missed so very much.

Mona and Dick Hartzler

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