

## **Charles Spradlin, Sr.**

### **1931 - 2007**



Charles was born in Vernon, TX on June 10, 1931 to Dr. and Mrs. Simon B. Spradlin, and grew up in Norman, OK. He graduated from Norman High School in 1949, and the University of Oklahoma, with a B.S. in geology, in 1953. He served in the United States Air Force in Germany from 1953 to 1956, and retired from the Reserve as a Captain. He married Gaynell Banks on January 25, 1957 and received his M.S. in geology from the University of Oklahoma in 1959. Charles and Gay moved to Wichita in 1959.

He began his petroleum career with Raymond Oil Company in 1959. In 1962, he joined Whitestone Petroleum. Mr. Spradlin became an independent geologist in 1964. From 1968-1974, he worked for Clinton Oil Company. He once again became an independent consulting geologist in 1974. Charles worked or consulted for most of the larger independent oil companies in Wichita during his career, including Raymond Oil Company, Slawson Oil Company, Murfin Drilling Company, Abercrombie Energy, Ritchie Exploration, Clinton Oil Company, and Berexco Inc. He was active in the Kansas Geological Society, American Association

of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists.

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