Dr. Jerald Dwain Parker went home to be with his Heavenly Father on December 6, 2015, after battling illness for three months. He and his wife, Verna Lee, were residents of Edmond, and attended Memorial Road Church of Christ. Jerald was born February 24, 1930, to W. Leslie and A. Gertrude Burch Parker in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Jerald graduated from Ponca City High School in 1948. After graduation, Jerald enlisted in the Army's 11th Airborne Division and later became a cryptographer and attended paratrooper school, finishing his service in 1952 – marrying Verna Lee Hastings the same year. Also in 1952, Jerald enrolled at Oklahoma State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering. He was awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship to Purdue University, where he received his PhD. Jerald devoted his professional career to teaching mechanical engineering at OSU from 1960 to 1988, and then Oklahoma Christian University from 1988 to 1996, although he was still teaching adjunct off and on until 2015. During his career, Jerald was a beloved mentor to his students and a valued expert in thermodynamics and HVAC. He co-authored a popular HVAC textbook and was instrumental in the development of the engineering department at OC. Jerald served as an elder at the Stillwater Church of Christ and then Memorial Road Church of Christ. He was a servant leader, committed to showing Christ's love to those who needed it most. He championed success and a better life for everyone, whether as a parent, a professor, an elder, a friend, or through the prison ministry. Jerald enjoyed golf, fishing, playing cards, classic country music, and Sudoku. Beyond his distinctive laugh and sense of humor, his loved ones will miss him as their handyman, chef, and spiritual patriarch. Jerald was predeceased by his brothers, Royce and Don; a daughter, Beth; and a granddaughter, Piper Northen. He is survived by his wife, Verna Lee; daughters, Ann Henson and Leslie Taylor; and his sons, Frank and Thomas. He left ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, it was Jerald’s request that donations be made to the Jerald and Verna Lee Parker Engineering Scholarship at Oklahoma Christian University.
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.

You make me happy when skies are gray.

You’ll never know, dear, how much I love you.

Please don’t take my sunshine away.

In Celebration of the Life of
Jerald Dwain Parker

Date of Birth
February 24, 1930
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Date of Death
December 6, 2015
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Service
2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 12, 2015
Memorial Road Church of Christ
Edmond, Oklahoma

Officiating
Mr. Kent Allen

Song Leader
Mr. Scott Young

Songs
Peace, Perfect Peace
It Is Well With My Soul
To Canaan’s Land I’m On My Way
When We All Get to Heaven

The family would like to invite you to a reception following the service in Room A105
INTRODUCTION TO
FLUID MECHANICS
AND
HEAT TRANSFER