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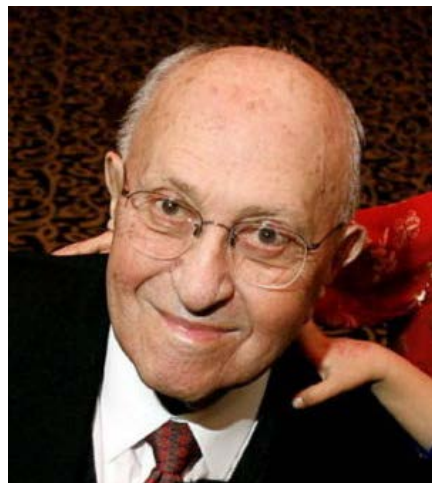
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Henry Zarrow

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Services for Tulsa philanthropist and businessman Henry Zarrow have been set for noon Tuesday at Congregation B'Nai Emunah, 1719 S. Owasso Ave.

Zarrow died Saturday at age 97.

A lifelong Tulsan and 1934 graduate of Central High School, Zarrow made a fortune at the helm of his Tulsa-based oil and gas supply firm, Sooner Pipe & Supply Co., which he founded at age 22 and ran with his father, Sam, and his brother, Jack.

Acquiring other companies and subsidiaries, Zarrow guided the business to prosperity and eventually established it as one of the largest international oil-and-gas supply companies.

He also became one of the city's best-known and most generous philanthropists.


Through the Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation, the couple donated money to a variety of causes around the state, with special focus given to projects affecting children and alleviating poverty.

Henry Zarrow also co-founded and served as a trustee for the Zarrow Families Foundation, along with his brother, Jack.

Local libraries and schools were frequent

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The effort earned Zarrow stacks of handwritten letters from school children all over Tulsa and the district renamed the former Audubon International School after him.

In 2004, West Regional Library was renamed the Henry Zarrow Regional Library to honor Zarrow, a longtime Tulsa City-County Library supporter and member of the library's Hall of Fame.

Fighting homelessness was another favorite cause. Both the Henry and Anne Zarrow and Jack and Maxine Zarrow families donated the land where the Day Center for the Homeless was built at 415 W. Archer St.

Zarrow served on the boards of the University of Tulsa, Saint Francis Hospital, Warren Medical Research Center, Indian Nations Council of Boy Scouts, American Trauma Society, Salvation Army and countless others.

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