

**Oklahoma Bankers 2020 Hall of Fame  
Nomination for Membership Form**

Name of Nominee: Shirley V Barber  
(First Name) (MI) (Last Name)

Current Title (if applicable) and Bank Affiliation (if any):  
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Street City State Zip

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Nominator's Name: Cassie L Mc Glothlin  
(First) (MI) (Last)

Bank Affiliation:

Security State Bank

Nominator's Address: 301 N 11<sup>th</sup> St Hammon OK 73650  
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Shirley Barber began her banking career in March of 1956 in the bookkeeping department of Security State Bank. Hired by President and CEO, L.L. "Red" Males, he doubted her ability to run the righthanded mail machine since she was lefthanded. Shirley was determined to prove him wrong. She proceeded to work in every department of the bank, rising through the ranks with recognition to her hard work and dedication. Mr. Males promoted Shirley to Assistant Cashier in 1966, Vice President and Director in 1970, Vice-Chairman and Vice President in 1977, and CEO in 1988. Shirley was elected President and CEO of Security State Bank in 1990.

Shirley was a pioneer proponent of equality among men and women in the workplace. She worked with state and national organizations to prepare other females for the openings that may occur in their respective banks. Shirley was the first female to serve as director for the Oklahoma Bankers Association. Under Shirley's tenure, positions were never made to be about male or female, simply whomever was the best for the job. She did not believe being female required special treatment, only equal treatment.

During the 80s, at a very rough time for banks in Oklahoma with failures being announced weekly, Shirley made tough decisions that protected the bank, the shareholders, the community and the county of Roger Mills. Shirley should be considered a trailblazer for females in the banking industry.

Shirley retired from Security State Bank as President and CEO in December of 2005, just 3 months shy of 50 years in banking. In a 2003 Oklahoma Banker article "Shattering the 'Glass Ceiling,'" when discussing the few regrets and many rewarding experiences Oklahoma female bankers have endured, Shirley was quoted saying "For me, seeing the bank continue to be the main thing in our community and having the loyalty and respect of the county has been the most satisfying."