



Bobby Joe Ardrey

October 20, 1937 - December 2, 2019

Funeral Services to honor and celebrate the life of Bobby Joe Ardrey will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, December 6, 2019 at DeArman-Clark Funeral Home Chapel. Interment to follow at Tishomingo Cemetery.

Bobby Joe Ardrey went to be with the Lord December 2nd 2019. Born to Edgar Ardrey and Lola Belle Chapman on October 20th 1937 in Bennington, Oklahoma. Shortly after graduating high school in 1954 Bob enlisted in the Army, Bob was 82nd Airborne Division Battery "B" (105MM) and was with the 319th Artillery Division Oklahoma National Guard, Kansas National Guard and mastered multiple skills including Sharp Shooting. Serving tours in Lebanon and Germany Bob was Honorably discharged and moved home to Oklahoma and married the love of his life, Elaine Antoinette Ardrey (Ann). In 1963 they moved to Kansas Bob took a position as an elementary school teacher, while teaching elementary school Bob received three masters degrees all in early childhood development. From 1963 to 1997 while teaching Bob was instrumental in starting numerous after school programs for children including intramural sports programs Bob taught swimming, coached track and field, basketball, and football in the schools that he taught. Bob started the Salina Track Club in Salina Kansas with two dear friends, Russ Jones and Austin Allen. Bob was a decathlete, triathlete, ran marathons, half marathons, 10ks and 5ks. He was also an avid snow skier and water skier. Bob is survived by his and Ann's 4 children Patti Einfeldt, married to Mark Einfeldt,

Phil Ardrey, Robin Ardrey-Heath married to Walter Heath and Mike Ardrey and his fiancé Megan Fanning. Bob and Ann have 4 grandchildren, Nathan Zahn, Married to Susan Zahn. Austin Ardrey, Arlton Ardrey, and Parks Ardrey Ledwell. and 3 great grandchildren, Damon, Dylan, and Braelyn Zahn.

Cemetery Details

Tishomingo Cemetery

Tishomingo, OK 73460

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ Hey Family Phil, Mike and all this is LeRoy Whitaker of the old Salina track club Hey sorry to here about my beloved friend it problem is been years now but it never to late to show love for a friend sorry for y'all's lost he will always be remember as loving as he was. See you one day love you guy's LeRoy?<https://streamsquid.com/#/playlist/ss/153306/269637>”

LeRoy D Whitaker - April 15, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ Bobby Joe Ardrey”

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM

MT

“ Mike, it was so good to see and visit with you after all these many years. I found your dad's obit. What an accomplished man! My heart goes out to you and your family as you learn to live with this loss. I wish you all the very best! With love and respect, Mary Gay Twa”

Mary Gay Twa - June 04, 2020 at 05:19 PM

RH

“ I had him as a 4th and 5th grade teacher at Roosevelt School in Hoisington, KS. My favorite memory of him is teaching my PE class how to square dance. May he Rest In Peace. May God bless and comfort his family.”

Robert Harvester

robert Harvester - March 03, 2020 at 02:06 PM

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“ Charles Graf lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Ardrey



Charles Graf - December 11, 2019 at 09:17 PM

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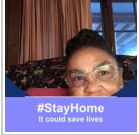
“ A very good man, excellent teacher. My memory is he could make you laugh but also could be stern if need be. He used to call me by my brother's name once in a while and we are 6 years apart. May Mr. Ardrey rest in peace. He will be missed

Charles Graf - December 11, 2019 at 09:16 PM


Pamela
Graf

“ Mr. Ardrey was my PE teacher at Hawthorne school here in Salina. He encouraged me and other students to do our best in all activities in class and outside of class also. I miss those days. I think about climbing the rope and how scared I was, but finally enjoyed doing it. We played on trampoline, running , etc.

Pamela Graf - December 10, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ I taught with Bob at Hawthorne for many years and watched him change children into their very best self. He accepted no excuses for not doing your best. He taught kids how to achieve and use their talents and skills. He loved his Oklahoma teams and we often laughed and joked about games between KU and his teams. His love for his wife and family was always apparent in his conversations. He was a good man and a teacher of life lessons to all he taught. The world needs more teachers like him today. God bless all his love ones.

Lizzy Briscoe Wilson - December 10, 2019 at 12:13 AM



“ I moved in across the street from Mr. & Mrs. Ardrey 16 years ago. They were so welcoming to the block. As my life progressed to marriage and kids, Mr. Ardrey took interest in my little kids and helped watch so they weren't close to the street. He always stopped to talk when he took his daily walks. He always had stories and history to tell about the history of the block, my house and downtown buildings. He was a great neighbor. Condolences to your family.

Rachel Dix - December 09, 2019 at 02:10 PM

MB

“ I saw our old gym teacher about 15 years ago in a grocery store in Salina. he recognized me and gave me a big hug. and he took a few minutes to ask me how my dad was. My dad, James Briscoe, was the counselor at Hawthorne Elementary at the same time my brother Jimmy and i were students. anyway, Mr Ardrey told me how when he got hired there, my dad took him on a car ride all around the North End of Salina and he told Mr Ardrey about the families in the area. he answered a lot of questions and let Mr Ardrey know the demographic he would be working with.

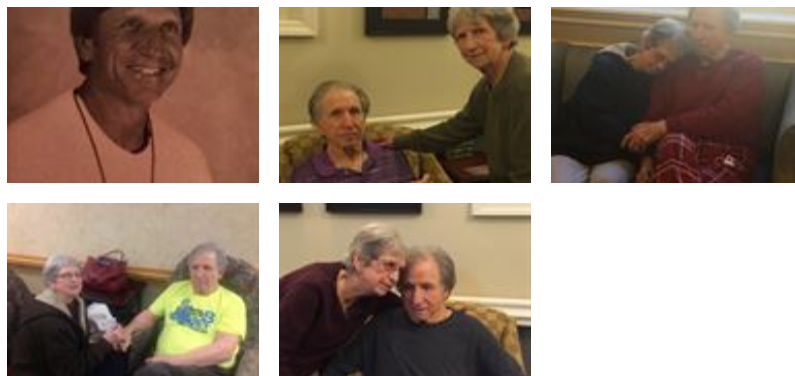
He was so appreciative to my dad all of those years later for taking the time out to do that and he said it really helped him in his job. i told my dad about that encounter back then but i think i'll call him and reiterate that someone had so much respect for him for going above and beyond.

Mr Ardrey was a cool teacher. RIP and God bless <3 #Hawthorne #bestschoolever

Melinda Briscoe - December 09, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



DeArman Funeral Home - December 05, 2019 at 06:21 PM