



Michael Jay "Mickey" Ratliff

April 6, 1940 - October 4, 2025

Mickey Ratliff gained his well-deserved wings on October 4, 2025. He was born on April 6, 1940, in Stillwater, OK to J.C. and Jessie Lee "Worley" Ratliff. Mickey was raised in Red Rock and graduated from Red Rock High School in 1958 where he was active in athletics and FFA. After graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1962 with a degree in Agricultural Economics he went back to Noble County to farm and ranch with his parents. On June 2, 1962, he married Linda Love, his girlfriend since the 7th grade! They were married in Ponca City, OK and have been happily married for 63 years. They lived in Red Rock most of their married lives where they farmed and ranched and in 2007, they moved to Sulphur, Oklahoma. Mickey was involved in several organizations with the church, rural fire department and youth being his priorities. He served as a Deacon and was a member of First Baptist Church, Red Rock and currently at Crossway Church in Sulphur. Some of the organizations that he dedicated his time to included: Member of

the Noble County

Fair Board, Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department as Fire Chief, Chairman of the Noble County

OSU Alumni Association as well as being active in the Lion's Club and with the 4-H/FFA Booster

Club. As a Hereford Breeder he was an active member of the American Hereford Association,

Oklahoma Hereford Association and Northern Oklahoma Hereford Breeder's Association.

During his years of volunteering, he was awarded the 1988 Degree of Honorary State Farmer,

1999 Honorary Chapter Farmer by the Red Rock FFA, 2003 Noble County Livestock Show

Honoree, and 2009 Honorary Member of the Perry Livestock Booster Club.

Mickey is survived by his wife Linda of the home, Daughter Kim Little, Coleman, TX and Son

Michael Jay "Mike" Ratliff, Red Rock, OK. Grandchildren Braden (Mariana) Little, Waco, TX Bali

Little, Sulphur, OK, Jayke (Kaitlyn) Ratliff, Stillwater, OK and Jaysen Ratliff, Hinton, OK. Great-

Grandchildren Olivia and Jackson Ratliff, Stillwater, OK. Also surviving are his sister, Nancy

(Edward) Roberson, Red Rock, OK and Ann (Jim) Buntt, Marland, OK as well as his Sister-in-

law Nona (Bill) Shahan, and brothers-in-law Billy Joe Love, Knoxville, TN and Carl (Becky)

Love, Spring Hill, TN.

Mickey is joined in heaven by his parents J.C. and Jessie Lee Ratliff.

As a liver transplant recipient on May 5, 2009, he was given a 2nd chance at life. The family

encourages everyone to become organ donors. Thanks to all the Doctors,

Specialist and
medical teams that have given compassionate care through the years as well
as the staff of the

Artesian Home where he spent his final days.

Please consider donating in Mickey's memory to BULLET's Fund (to provide
support for

operating expenses for Bullet) c/o Oklahoma State University Foundation, 400
S. Monroe,

Stillwater, OK 74074 Fund #23-84610. Or consider giving to the charity of your
choice.

A public visitation will take place on Friday, October 10, 2025 from 10am-3pm
in the Crossway Church Chapel. A graveside service will be held on October
11, 2025, at 2pm at the cemetery in Red Rock, OK.

Attending guests and friends are encouraged to wear Orange or OSU attire if
you love the

Cowboys as much as Mickey did.

Bill Leveridge, Lead Pastor, Crossway Church, Sulphur will be conducting the
graveside service.

Music by Melanie Williams and Martin Williams. Services are entrusted to
DeArman Funeral

Home, Sulphur.

Honorary Pall Bearers are James Flasch, Larry Garvie, John Hayes, Butch
Hill, Larry Hobbs

and Coach Bill Shahan.

God welcomed a Cowboy, and a Cowboy gained his wings.

Cemetery Details

Red Rock Cemetery

170 Farm-To-Market 812
Red Rock, OK 74651

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10.** 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Chapel of Crossway Baptist Church
2108 W Broadway Ave
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-2550

Graveside Service

OCT **11.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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170 Farm-To-Market 812
Red Rock, OK 74651

Tribute Wall



“ DeArman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Jay "Mickey" Ratliff



DeArman Funeral Home - October 08, 2025 at 04:25 PM

DW

“ Our sympathy and prayers for peace are with Mickey's family. Heaven gained a great friend.

Don & Kathy Welch - October 10, 2025 at 11:59 AM

LB

“ Mikey was always such a gentleman and so kind to be around. He had the greatest smile and twinkle in his eyes!! I always liked it when I got to sit by him at family functions and hear his stories and his warm voice. Thank you Mickey for being YOU. You were so genuine and kind. I'll miss you.

Lisa Brogdon - October 08, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Mickey's passing. As a teenager, he was a mentor for me through the 4-H program. He and his family welcomed me to join them on trips to events and activities. He was always joking and finding the best in every situation. He was always willing to help others and loved his family fiercely. He will be greatly missed, but he leaves a powerful legacy through the people lucky enough to have known him. Blessings to his family.....Beth Bolay

Beth Bolay - October 08, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CT

Of course, I remember Mickey when he was young and grew up @ Redrock, OK. He was always so pleasant. A good man!

cynthia carpenter thomas - October 08, 2025 at 07:42 PM

CT

Mickey was my cousin, and I am related to his wife.

cynthia carpenter thomas - October 08, 2025 at 07:43 PM

CT

I just watched the video. The Hereford cattle, the stock racks on the pick up truck, wheat waving in the wind and harvest time. Brings back so many happy memories. This video is a beautiful tribute to Mickey. I never knew his middle name was "Jay" until now.

cynthia carpenter thomas - October 08, 2025 at 07:49 PM

AB

My brother was one to be proud of at all times. Before Mickey and Linda were married, we left him closing a gate. He was in shorts and cowboy boots and had to walk 1/4 of a mile to not even be mad at us! Loved you brother and for all you have been through, being a Christian will be my best memory of you! Little Sis

Ann Buntt - October 08, 2025 at 08:35 PM