



Rickey Gene Needham

January 9, 1955 - February 5, 2021

Rickey Gene Needham, 66, of Milburn, passed from this life on Friday, February 5, 2021 at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas. Rickey was born on January 9, 1955 in Durant, Oklahoma to Gene and Mary (Ballard) Needham. Growing up he attended Tishomingo Public School, graduating with the class of 1973. He made many life-long friends during this time which resulted in fond memories and funny, almost unbelievable stories, that he loved to relive and share. Rickey married the love of his life, Alandra June (Brewer) Needham, on November 23, 1973 at the Mill Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church. He furthered his education at The University of Oklahoma where he obtained a Bachelor's of Science Degree. Rickey received a physics award while attending East Central University. While in Nuclear Medicine School at The University of Oklahoma, he was selected to present his research paper at the regional meeting for the Society of Nuclear Medicine in Nashville, TN. He worked all of his professional life in healthcare. He worked as an x-ray tech while attending Nuclear Medicine School at OU. After graduating from OU, he worked as a Nuclear Medicine Tech. in area hospitals. In 1987, he moved to Texarkana, TX and worked at Saint Michael's Hospital as the Director of Nuclear Medicine and CT. Upon moving back to Oklahoma, he worked for the largest group of Cardiologists in Dallas as their Nuclear Imaging Specialist. After his retirement from Heart Place in Dallas, he worked for Nitro-Lift Technologies for a short time, but his love of healthcare and helping others called him to work as an x-ray tech. at The Family Health

Center of Southern Oklahoma. All of his life, he loved hunting and fishing. In later years, he loved gardening and wood working. He truly loved and enjoyed fishing with his grandkids on his pond. Rickey was of the Baptist Faith and was saved at The First Baptist Church in Tishomingo at the age of 12. His greatest treasure in life was his grandkids! He loved them dearly and enjoyed every minute he spent with them.

Those he leaves to cherish his memories are his wife, Alandra Needham of the home; children, Dee-Dee Henson and husband Rocky of Milburn, Erica Daniels and husband Scott of Milburn; grandchildren, Elizabeth Henson of Mobile, AL, Ryan Daniels of Ada, OK, Presley Daniels of Milburn, Emmerson Henson of Milburn, Landri Daniels of Milburn; nieces, Ashely Cook and husband Jonathon of Tulsa, Michelle McDonald and husband Guy of Wichita Falls, TX, Darlene Reese of Wichita Falls, Cassandra Carter and husband Kevin of Ardmore; nephews, Jody Henley of Wichita Falls; numerous aunts, uncles, loving cousins and friends who will deeply miss him.

Rickey is preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Mary Needham; sister, Deborah Needham Blount; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral Services for Rickey Gene Needham will be at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Interment to follow at Condon Grove Cemetery. Family hour will be Monday, February 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Cemetery Details

Condon Grove Cemetery

Milburn, OK 73450

Previous Events

Family & Friends

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

DeArman - Clark Funeral Home
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Tishomingo, OK 73460
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Funeral Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Tishomingo, OK 73460

Tribute Wall



“ *Rickey Gene Needham*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Abbey and family, I just learned today that my dear friend of 46 years passed this last week. I was thinking of Rick last Friday and had every intention of calling him and letting him know that as soon as I have a free weekend I'll make the trip to Tishomingo and visit, I didn't make the call. God was speaking to me in a way that I now understand, Ricky wasn't doing well and he wanted me to know. My heart broke today when a friend called and told me the news. Rick has always been in my thoughts over the last 40 years, our early school days together, numerous fishing excursions, and hunting adventures, will be etched in my memories forever.*

Abbey, I pray that God wraps his arms around you and your family through this most difficult and painful time. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the service tomorrow, know I will have you and your entire family in my thoughts and prayers.

*Love,
Peter Ersteniuk*

Peter Ersteniuk - February 08, 2021 at 08:07 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Rickey’s passing. Peter called me this afternoon. I was a classmate of Rickeys at OU and hadn’t seen him since graduation but think of him often. There are so many memories of those two years and very few are of studying. More memories of hunting, fishing, laughing and storytelling. Rickey was the funniest person I have ever known. Vernon told me a few years ago that Peter, Rickey and I might not have been his most studious students but we were his favorite of all time. May God’s grace comfort you in this time of mourning. Sincerely, Terry Brock

Terry Brock - February 08, 2021 at 06:34 PM

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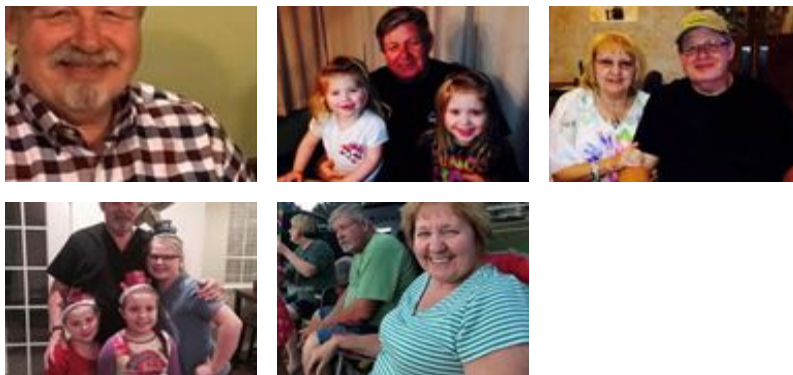
“ Bonnie Ramey lit a candle in memory of Rickey Gene Needham



Bonnie Ramey - February 08, 2021 at 06:02 PM



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“ I one of my favorite memories is when we somehow scored driving Rick's car with Deb. Of course we had to cruise across the swinging bridge. All our relatives of course could see Main St. from granny Needham's porch. None of us had a driver's license, but of course that didn't stop us from "driving like we stole it!" Yep they spotted us on the porch!

We had all taken turns driving. We were definitely not qualified. Kathy happened to be driving . Let's just say Rick found out and was not happy and neither were all our parents. I think Rick finally forgave us. That was our last joy ride in his car! That Deb made us do it.. wink wink We will miss you Rick. Boo boo will always love you. You were the last one to call me by my sweet nickname. Life will be different for all of us. Heaven will be so much richer with you in it. We love you Rick and will miss you!

Karen Holland - February 08, 2021 at 12:14 PM