



## Ben Thomas Beaver

May 17, 1947 - February 10, 2020

Ben Thomas Beaver (Tommy), was born in Tulsa, OK on May 7, 1947. He passed away on February 10, 2020 in Okmulgee, OK. He is preceded in death by his parents Ben and Louise Beaver. He is survived by brother Richard (Patty) of Woodbury, MN and son Chad (Jinnie) of Minneapolis, MN. He will be greatly missed by his many cousins and friends. Tom most recently lived in Albuquerque with his faithful four-legged companion, Sampson.

Tom is a proud citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Tom graduated from Lawrence High School, Emporia State, and the University of Kansas. He was an anchor at WCCO TV and executive director at the Minnesota Institute of Arts in Minneapolis, MN. Tom also held many positions with the US Department of the Interior and retired from the US Department of Education in Kansas City, MO. As an avid hot air balloon enthusiast, he loved taking pictures of the hot air balloons and being on balloon chase teams at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center in Okmulgee, Oklahoma located on east sixth street. Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center

310 East Sixth Street

Okmulgee, OK 74447

(918) 756-1677

[info@mcclendon-winters.com](mailto:info@mcclendon-winters.com)

<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ben Thomas Beaver*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Tom was such a light at our Creek At-Large meetings. I will miss his smile and enthusiasm for life. My sympathies to his family and Sampson. I am blessed to have known him.*

**Lisa Jessie** - February 15, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ *I send my sincere condolences to the Beaver Family. Thoughts and prayers are with the family, also. Tommy was a very nice, thoughtful gentleman. When we were neighbors and went to school at Morris. He always got picked up on the school bus before me and when I would get on he always saved me a seat next to him. Every morning, he would say the same thing in Creek. Hensci, Hoktuce. Likvs. which meant, Hello, Little Girl, sit here. I really got close to Tommy because I was very shy at that time, believe it or not. He made me feel so comfortable, I wasn't afraid to go to school. I will miss him because after all these years, we kept in contact on facebook. He may be gone but he will never be forgotten. Rest In Peace, Tommy! Until we meet again.*



**KoKo Lowe** - February 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM