



Gary Brown Harman

July 12, 1939 - February 6, 2013

One of Okmulgee's favored authors of Letters to the Editor of the Okmulgee Daily Times sat down his pen and paper on February 6, 2013 to be with his Lord and Savior. Gary Brown Harman, son of the late Neil and Ada Harman, was surrounded by his family in his home when he passed. After graduating from Okmulgee High School, Gary proudly served his country in the United States Navy. Upon returning home he used the G.I. Bill to graduate from Northeastern State University with a Bachelors of Arts in English Education and a minor in Spanish. He taught briefly in Sacramento, California. After his return to Okmulgee, he taught English and Spanish at Okmulgee High School. He then worked in the oil fields of Oklahoma and Tennessee before he became a surveying engineer with East Central Electric in Okmulgee. He treasured working at East Central Electric. It allowed him to be outside and in connect with countless people. Gary loved many things; spending time with his family and friends, working for his church, the great outdoors, reading, photography, volunteering his time wherever he was needed, chasing the allusive and mysterious Big Foot, gardening, flying kites, and meeting complete strangers with a smile and chuckle of an old friend. No matter how dark the day, Gary always used his faith to find something to smile about. Gary loved God and was a humble servant to the Lord. He always carried his faith in God, studied the Word and shared it with his children and friends. Gary was a loving father and raised a family of four children: Brett Garland and his wife Diana of Henryetta, David Harman and his fiancé Shanean of Okmulgee,

Michelle Garland Johnston and her husband Curt of Sapulpa and Dawn Harman DeBock and her husband Devin of Okmulgee. His family blessed him with many grandchildren. Dallas Johnston, Sydney Johnston-Rutledge, Riley Harman, Ege and Katie DeBock. When Gary married the love of his life, Ginger Harman of Okmulgee on September 17, 2004, he was blessed with two step daughters whom he held in his heart. Tina Roach and her husband Ed of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Lisa Tiger and her husband Eric of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. With more children also came more grandchildren: Tyler Tiger, Erica Tiger, Sophia Tiger, Joseph Hill, and Holly Selfridge and husband Cy. Gary Harman will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him. A special thanks to Rivercross Hospice for all their help and care. The family request donations made to the Agape Crisis Pregnancy Center in Okmulgee, Oklahoma or Trinity Lutheran church in Okmulgee. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Okmulgee with Reverend Myles Schultz officiating. Interment will follow at the Okmulgee Cemetery. Friends may visit the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee on Monday from 12:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 11. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
1314 E. 6th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Brown Harman*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sally Sprouse lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown Harman*



Sally Sprouse - February 11, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ *Kim Melton lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown Harman*



Kim Melton - February 11, 2013 at 09:57 AM



I will never forget his laugh and the joy he brought to East Central. In our Family he was known as Santa from playing Santa at a work Christmas Party years ago. Our daughter played his elf. He would always ask, How's my elf and she is 35 yrs old now. Last time I saw him he asked about her; sweet sweet Gary, he will be missed.

Kim Melton - February 11, 2013 at 10:02 AM



“ Words cannot express the deep sorrow we feel in Gary's passing. We will miss his stories, his sense of humor, his love and warmth. He welcomed this "Yankee" into the family with open arms and I am am so blessed to have known him. Rest in peace Cousin Gary. Love, William and Gail Featherston



Gail Featherston - February 07, 2013 at 10:29 PM



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Gail Featherston - February 07, 2013 at 10:29 PM



“ Dear Mr Harman you were my teacher and my dads best friend. You kept my car running and were always there if I needed a friend to talk to. I was your student assistant as a junior and you talked to me about Bigfoot alot. You were a good man and a good father. You will be missed give dad a hug for me please Rest in Peace.



Marsha Heady Collins - February 07, 2013 at 08:13 PM

Bobbi
Crabtree

“ *Bobbi Crabtree lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown Harman*



Bobbi Crabtree - February 07, 2013 at 07:49 PM

Bobbi
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Mr. Harman..My Teacher, My Friend. I will surely miss your smile, your compliments, your conversations. Little did I know that day in December when you so nicely spoke to me..I'll cherish your memory, Thanks For You!

Bobbi Crabtree - February 07, 2013 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Gary Brown Harman*



david miller - February 07, 2013 at 05:01 PM

JC

“ *Reverend.... You 'pegged' Gary to a perfect "T"... and there just isn't more that can be said...other than he was my friend through trial and tribulation over a span of many years. God rest his soul and let eternal light shine upon him.*



Jeneane Campbell - February 07, 2013 at 09:19 AM

RS

“ I mourn the loss of a good friend and member of Trinity today. Some 21 years ago Gary Harman knocked on the front door of the parsonage and asked for a few minutes of my time. We talked for a couple of hours. Our conversations continued through those years. Theology, politics, construction, and yes even Big Foot found their way into our conversations. But Lutheran doctrine and confession always brought a smile to his face. The paradoxes, the distinctions, the promises all became a joy to his ears. Gary, you will be missed. But I know where you are....

Rev. Myles R. Schultz - February 06, 2013 at 04:35 PM