



## Richard "Rick" Z. Potts

October 10, 1953 - December 26, 2025

Richard "Rick" Z. Potts, a longtime resident of Okmulgee, passed away on December 26, 2025, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, at the age of 72. He was born on October 10, 1952, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Richard and Loreta Potts.

Rick graduated from McAlester High School in 1971. He later attended Southeastern University before moving to the Oklahoma City area, where he met the love of his life, Pamela Jenkins. The two were married on May 15, 1976, in Choctaw, Oklahoma, and shared 49 years of marriage together. In 1984, Rick convinced Pam to move to Okmulgee, where his family operated their longtime family business. Rick worked in the service industry for several companies before eventually taking over the family business himself.

Rick enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially gardening and fishing. He also had a fondness for horse races and could certainly hold his own at a good hand of blackjack. A devoted sports fan, Rick was a true Dallas Cowboys supporter and later added the Oklahoma City Thunder to his roster of favorite teams.

Rick was very supportive of the Okmulgee community and had a unique way of making a lasting impact on many people throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Rick is survived by his wife, Pam Potts; his children, Jennifer Jones and husband Eric, Joshua Potts, Richard "Zeke" Potts, and Alice Potts; his grandson, Jameson Potts; and his sister, Linda Smith and husband Albert.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Rick at 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 17, 2026, at the McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Richard's Tribute Page of our website. [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center

310 East Sixth Street

Okmulgee, OK 74447

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Rob and I both loved visiting with Rick at the store. He was always so friendly and supportive of this community. He touched many lives of all ages and will certainly be missed. Sending our love and prayers to the Potts family.

Margaret and Rob Hess - January 07 at 07:09 PM

SB

“ I, like my father before me, enjoyed our visits with Richard at his Beeline business location. I have always looked forward to a visit with Richard during my visits to Okmulgee. He always expressed an interest in how things were going, what we had seen in our travels, how long would we be visiting etc. Richard was always sincere and shared his joys, sorrows and concerns freely. I will forever miss these visits with Richard. Sincere condolences to all of Richard's family and friends alike.

Stephen Brownfield - December 31, 2025 at 10:13 AM

VC

“ Prayers and condolences to the Potts Family.



Valerie Churchill - December 30, 2025 at 01:03 PM

SH

Rick was 1 of the good ones. Great friend that would do anything for you. We miss him so much but am glad he's not in pain any longer. Prayers, love & hugs to everyone.

Stacey & Lona Horton - January 08 at 06:29 PM

CR

“ I have so many things I can write but It would take me forever to. I thank you for the last six yrs of putting up with me. All i can hear you day is Toody!!! Miss you ole buddy but I no your resting and in no pain! Rest Easy



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**camisha ross** - December 29, 2025 at 09:19 PM

CR

“ Rick thank you for everything , thank you for sending home great words to me. I will go even harder in sports and i will always remember you! Bubba

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**camisha ross** - December 29, 2025 at 09:10 PM

DM

“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Z. Potts



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**David miller** - December 29, 2025 at 11:48 AM

CW

“ Cathy A Wright lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Z. Potts



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**Cathy A Wright** - December 29, 2025 at 11:04 AM