



Richard Kent Spring Jr

October 10, 1943 - January 24, 2024

Richard Kent Spring, Jr., a long time Okmulgee resident, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 80. He was born to Richard Kent, Sr., and Ruth Lucille (Anderson) Spring on October 10, 1943.

Rick had many interests and passions, but he truly loved traveling in Europe. He took his family on a Rick Steves tour in 2001, and returned on another Rick Steves tour with his daughter, her husband, and son in 2017. He enjoyed several other Europe trips throughout the years as well. Rick loved spending time with his grandson, Spencer; driving to Oklahoma City weekly to see him for many years. And he rarely missed happy hour at Dee Hennigan's house.

Rick served in the United States Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He returned home in 1967, and in 1970, married Carolyn Morgan. After spending time in Stillwater for university, they moved to Houston where Rick worked for the Parks Department. They left the Houston area and returned to life in Okmulgee in 1978. They had a daughter, Morgan, in 1979, and a son, Evan, followed in 1982. Rick was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, serving on the vestry for decades and wearing many hats along the way.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents, Kent and Lu Spring and his sister,

Kay Schmidt. He is survived by his daughter, Morgan Harris, husband Graham, and grandson Spencer of Oklahoma City; son, Evan, of Norman; nephew, Wes Schmidt, and niece, Judy Schmidt.

Whether it was as a teacher, a social worker, a community volunteer, or through helping other veterans access their benefits, Rick spent his adult life serving others, working to give folks a hand up and access the resources they needed to live a better life.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation in Norman, Oklahoma, for helping Rick navigate the Veterans Administration benefits process. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Foundation to help other veterans get the benefits they've earned. Donations can be made here: <https://www.dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org/donate>

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Okmulgee. A reception will follow at the McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Rick's Tribute Page of our website at <https://www.mcclendon-winters.com/obituaries/Richard-Spring-4/#!/TributeWall>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
4th Street and Seminole
Okmulgee, OK

Reception

FEB 27. 3:30 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center
310 East Sixth Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Rick was a great guy. I always enjoyed our conversations. He was funny and kind. He enjoyed teasing me and would always try to embarrass me. Always left feeling good. I will miss him. Richard haley.

Richard Haley - March 17, 2024 at 08:26 PM

KA

“ Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Richard Kent Spring Jr



Kim Angle - February 27, 2024 at 11:25 AM

JM

“ A Highly Selected and Limited group of individuals served under The Auspices of The Nation Security Administration(NSA) while attached to The Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) in The United States Navy.
The selection process was as Rigorous as being Accepted to attend any Ivy League College , such as Harvard , Princeton, or Yale. While being greatly more chosey as to who was Accepted into the NSGA Family of Special Individuals.
Rick, made the Cut and was Chosen to be in the NSGA Family. He was a Foreign Language Specialist. He held the Highest Top Secret CAT III Clearance that existed in the government.

John Morgan - February 25, 2024 at 02:28 PM

JM

Those who were chosen to be in the NSGA Family were the Top 1/2 of the Top 1% the IQ in the Navy.

John Morgan - February 25, 2024 at 02:40 PM

DM

“ *Great 70s memories. Thanks for the help at the employment office with miss reagan. Think you took my baby picture at your studio, too. Deetta and all, another mugtown lighthouse dims. Hugs & God bless to family & love ones.*



David Miller - February 22, 2024 at 02:42 PM

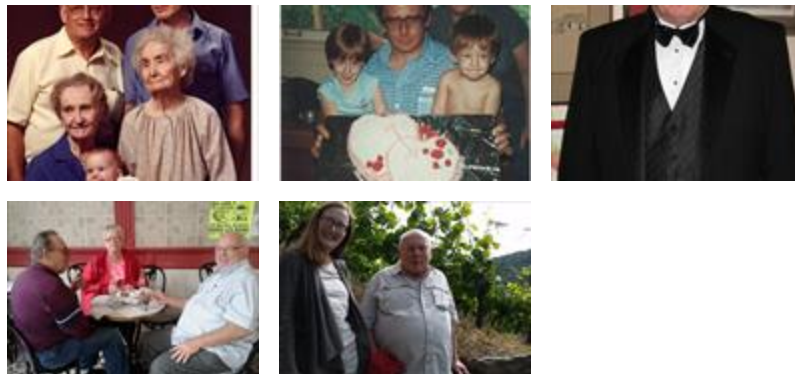
WH

“ *Rick and I volunteered together and would share many fun stories about travel. I will miss him and his laugh. RIP Rick.*

William Harris - February 21, 2024 at 04:34 PM

MH

“ *14 files added to the album Photos from the family*



Morgan Harris - February 20, 2024 at 05:37 PM

JC

“*Kent was a very talented engineer in more than just one venue. He inherited his father's straight forward disposition and demeanor. My sincere condolences to his children.*”



Jeneane Campbell - February 12, 2024 at 11:26 PM

DH

Rick was like a brother to me and I will miss him forever. I'm thankful for the memories I have.

Dee Hennigan - February 17, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MB

Morgan and Evan, I'm so very sorry to learn of your dad's passing. We had such a great neighborhood around 9th and 10th Streets when you kids were young and our families met often at school events and band concerts and football games. Your dad was always a lively conversationalist! I will remember him fondly. With sincere sympathy.

Mary Brown - February 27, 2024 at 02:30 PM