



Ricky J Maynard

January 14, 1956 - May 13, 2025

Ricky Joe Maynard, age 69, a longtime resident of Morris, Oklahoma, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in Oklahoma City.

Ricky was born on January 14, 1956, in Morris to Martin "Leonard" and Bessie Lee (Messick) Maynard. A dedicated scholar, he earned a master's degree and went on to work as a Stable Isotope Laboratory Technician at the University of Oklahoma School of Geosciences. He was known for his deep love of science and spent countless hours working in his lab. Rick helped hundreds of faculty and students obtain the stable isotope data that they needed for their research.

Outside of his professional life, Ricky enjoyed gardening, archery, and fishing. He was an avid music lover, especially fond of Pink Floyd, and was a proud member of Garden Web Oklahoma, where he shared his passion for plants and community.

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Bessie Maynard, brother Leo Maynard, and his beloved wife, Donna Maynard.

He is survived by his stepson, Little J; his brothers, Jimmy and Bobby Maynard; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will cherish his memory.

Ricky will be remembered for his kind spirit, curious mind, and the joy he found in nature and learning.

Visitation for Ricky will be on Thursday, May 22, 2025, 1:00PM – 7:00PM, at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Morris, Oklahoma. Memorial

services will be on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 2:00PM, at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Morris, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Ricky's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Morris
421 South Hughes
Morris, OK 74445
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
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Tribute Wall

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“ From a good friend and co- worker of my Uncle Rick.

"A Tribute to Rick Maynard

Rick and I met in 1984. Rick was working on his Ph.D. in Engineering Physics and I had started working on a research project with Rick's Advisor. Rick already had an M.S. in Electrical Engineering and was curious about the new type of isotope lab that I was building. Rick became more interested in my type of work and decided to accept a technician position to help run my laboratory, which he did for forty years! Rick was like a mother hen with the instruments and had the electrical engineering background to keep things running smoothly while I spent more time raising the funds for the research projects that kept us afloat. Over the years Rick helped literally hundreds of students and professors acquire the stable isotope data that they needed for their various research projects. For the first twenty years, our instruments were not automated and Rick and I spent many long nights together running the samples that he had prepped earlier in the day. Lots of late night veggie burgers and Greek gyros to keep us going. Things got better in 2006 (at least sleep wise) when I was able to purchase our first automated stable isotope system. It was always funny to me that Rick was an expert at running such complex instrumentation and the software that it required but was always more comfortable in his personal life driving that old 1974 Datsun truck, as he did not trust the "computers" in modern vehicles. He also never really cared for cell phones and other types of electronics that most people take for granted these days.

Rick and I had a very special scientific relationship that you rarely ever see. People in our scientific community here at OU and the other labs that we collaborated with in the USA and abroad have been shocked and saddened to hear of Rick's passing.

I spent the last few months trying to figure out the easiest way to let Rick know that I planned to retire in a couple of years, as I am already 74. Rick said he never wanted to retire, and lo and behold, he never did! I am still in shock over Rick's passing and send my sincerest condolences to the family.

Mike Engel"

Martin D Maynard - May 22, 2025 at 01:14 PM

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such a great testimony condolences from friend

cathie - May 23, 2025 at 12:11 AM

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“*Played high school football with Ricky he was good*

Ronald Aldridge - May 19, 2025 at 10:31 PM