



## William DeTurk

July 22, 1948 - February 10, 2021

It is with the deepest of sorrow that we share news of the passing of our father, William “Rappy” DeTurk, on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Our Dad, William (aka Bill) Deturk, son of William and Eleanor, was born July 22, 1948 in Clarksville, West Virginia. His family later moved to Oklahoma where Dad graduated from Henryetta High School and later attended Northeastern State University. He also served in the Air Force including a tour in Vietnam. Soon after, Dad met the love of his life, our mother, Joyce Stemple . Married in Maryland in 1969, Mom and Dad moved to Oklahoma to start a family buying a home outside of Beggs. Then the two of us came along, first Brad, then Kerri. “Rappy,” as we fondly called him, had started his career with AT&T retiring after 35 years. Our family worked hard, laughed and played, and lived life as fully as we could celebrating with feasts at Red Lobster, staying at high rise Tulsa hotels to watch fireworks on July4th, and so much more. Along with school events, ball games, and church activities, Rappy enjoyed a good game of golf, hunting around Beggs and in Colorado, and definitely a winning OU football game. When we had friends sleepover, he would wake the whole house at dawn with noisy, off key singing . . Yes, he could be loud and funny, but he was always sweet and caring . Sadly, tragedy struck with the loss of our mother, Joyce, in 2001. It was a devastating for us all but it was especially difficult for Rappy . The Rappy that we knew gave his all at work, greatly loved the outdoors, filled everyday with a good laugh, and counted home and family life as his top priority . Home was where Rappy’s heart was. Left behind to

carry on this legacy is a family that loved him deeply and will miss him beyond words . a devoted son and wife , Brad and Shawn DeTurk, Okmulgee, a loving daughter and husband, Kerri DeTurk and Brad Beeseley, Mounds, along with the sunshine of his days, grandchildren Colt, Alana, Meagan, Brett, and Blue; his childhood companions -sisters Bobbin Pitts, Betty Simmons, and Kay Sutterfield, brothers - Johnny and Mike DeTurk . We grieve at the loss of our funny, loving, devoted father, but we celebrate his being truly Home and reunited with our mother, his devoted, loving companion . When we meet again, Mom and Dad, there will be no more parting. "I know in whom I have believed and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day". . . II. Timothy 1: 12. A memorial service for Rappy will be held later in the spring . .

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *William De Turk*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Today is April 2, 2021, and while searching for another obituary, I found Bill Deturk's and am shocked beyond words. I grew up with the Deturks, our fathers were glass cutters at PPG in Henryetta. We shared so many good times with that family and loved them very much. Their father, Bill Sr., was one of the funniest men I ever knew, his sense of humor was his greatest attribute, and he kept us all in stitches. I am not surprised that Bill Jr. inherited the same traits. I ran into Bill's family again when I was the elementary counselor at Beggs Elementary School and remember cute little Kerri and Brad. I am so sad that they lost their mother, she was a tireless worker for the school and took undying interest in their schoolwork, activities, and welfare. She was truly admired for that by the school faculty. Again I am so sorry and sad. Prayers for Bill and Joyce and their family. And I wish the best for their future.*



*Rebecca Osmond Hold, daughter of Harold and Alice Osmond*

**Rebecca Osmond Hold** - April 02, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Kerri, Brad, I am so saddened to hear you lost your Dad. I have so many fond memories of both of your parents. Joyce always kept us laughing and we had some great times. I still have cards Joyce sent to me♥ I know your mom is welcoming him with open arms in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys. Prayers for healing.♥*

**brenda osterman** - March 04, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DN

“ *Saddened to hear of your father's passing. Growing up in Henryetta we called him Deuce - together with Terry Rush we were quite a trio in those days. The three of us joined the Air Force at the same time and all returned to the Oklahoma hills. He was a great guy with a great sense of humor who, without a doubt, will be missed by all. Steve Neal and family.*

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**Debbie Neal** - March 04, 2021 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ *I knew your dad along time ago the early 80s . My in-laws owned a little store on south Oklahoma in Okmulgee!! Your dad and his cohort in crime Chalkee came by each afternoon waiting for time to go home! They were so funny !! He told us a story in there one day about walking on his property in some woods, he came up on a spot that these plants had white powder all around the bottom of each plant!! It dawned on him that someone was trying to grow marijuana on his land . He said he turned around and beat to the house ,he told us people like that are mean!!! He had us all rolling on the floor !! No one could till the story like Turk !! He love your mama and you kids !! Turk and Chalkee be nice your in heaven!!!*



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**Susie Brown** - March 03, 2021 at 05:25 AM

KE

*Thank you for that story.*

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**Kerri** - March 09, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JC

“ Jeffrey L Culbert lit a candle in memory of William DeTurk



Jeffrey L Culbert - March 02, 2021 at 09:38 AM

JC

Seems like I have known him as far back as I can remember, but have not seen Bill for many years. And still, he will be missed.

Jeffrey L Culbert - March 02, 2021 at 09:41 AM

Brenda Brewer

“ Brenda Brewer lit a candle in memory of William DeTurk



Brenda Brewer - March 02, 2021 at 08:28 AM

KE

Thank you, Brenda. Love, Kerri

Kerri - March 09, 2021 at 04:26 PM

LJ

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad passing. I know how he missed Joyce & she was a precious lady. Our prayers are with you all. ❤️

Les & JoAnn Johnston - March 01, 2021 at 08:21 PM

KE

Thank you for your kind words and prayers. Love, Kerri.

Kerri - March 09, 2021 at 04:25 PM

JB

“ *My prayers for y'all!! Bill was always so nice to me when I played baseball together Brad! He will be missed!!!*

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**Julie Varner Baker** - March 01, 2021 at 02:42 PM