



Anthony James Garrett

May 11, 1957 - November 21, 2017

Anthony James Garrett, 60, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born May 11, 1957 in Long Beach, California to Clinton Garrett and Katy (Thompson) Garrett. Anthony attended public schools in California where he graduated from Westminster High and furthered his education at Golden State Community College in Orange County, California.

He married Teresa Ann Obal February 9, 1976 at Blessed Sacrament Church in California. They shared more than 41 years of life and marriage together. Anthony moved his family to Oklahoma where he worked at Hilldale School in maintenance and as a bus driver. He was known as the “finger for the Hornets.”

His hobbies included watching football, watching movies and anything John Wayne, but most important was spending time with his friends and family. Anthony always looked forward to mama’s home cooking, raisin oatmeal cookies, and Ovaltine.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Katy Thompson; his grandmother, Liberty Thompson.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Teresa, of the home; daughters, Jasmine Pollard and husband Jerry, Rebekah Garrett and future son-in-law, Christopher McClearen; sisters, Diana Cameron, Mary Boyce, and Theresa Casebolt; brothers, Tim Garrett, Brian Garrett, James Garrett, and John Garrett; his Aunt Gi Gi; along with other family members and friends who will

miss him dearly.

Memorial services celebrating Anthony's life will be 2PM, Saturday, November 25, 2017 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darren Riddle and Dr. Kaylin Coody officiating.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Tribute Wall



“ Anthony James Garrett

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ I often fondly recall a memory from when Uncle Tony flew out to Pennsylvania for my father's retirement. I remember showing him my room, then decorated with numerous paintings and drawings of mine (none of which were really any good). But he grew quiet while looking over my art, and then suddenly recited to me a poem he himself had written when he was my age. He told me he had shared that poem with very few people, and I felt honored and privileged to have him share it with me. I frequently remember that, and smile. You're very loved, Uncle Tony, and you will be missed.



Michael Garrett - November 25, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ Uncle Tony you will truly be missed! Tess, Jasmine and Rebekah today our hearts are with you, and will always continue to be with you! We love you so so much! Auntie Rosie, Uncle Kelly, Cousins Ryan and Matthew



rosie jones - November 25, 2017 at 02:16 PM

SG

“ *Tim and Tony walking together in Yellowstone!*



suzanne garrett - November 25, 2017 at 12:06 PM

MG

“ *It had been some time since I'd talked to Uncle Tony when he came to Pennsylvania for my father's retirement, but I am grateful for having had that chance to see him and speak with him. I remember showing him my room, decorated with my paintings and drawings. He grew quiet while looking at my art, and then recited a poem he himself had written when he had been around my age. He told me that he hadn't shared that poem with many people, and I was both touched and honored to have heard it. I often recall that memory with great fondness. You will be greatly missed, Uncle Tony.*

*With love,
Michael Martin Garrett*

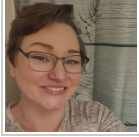
Michael Garrett - November 25, 2017 at 12:01 PM

RJ

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



rosie jones - November 25, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ Cynthia Kirkpatrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony James Garrett



Cynthia Kirkpatrick - November 25, 2017 at 10:31 AM

RJ

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Rosie Jones - November 25, 2017 at 12:07 AM

UB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow and comfort in this time of loss.
Uncle Roddy & Aunt Becky

Uncle Roddy & Aunt Becky - November 24, 2017 at 10:16 PM

TE

Thank you both so very much, it means so much right now, The girls and myself send our love.

teresa - November 26, 2017 at 12:07 AM

EC

“ *To honor a veteran, a coworker and a good friend. I am honored to have known you. You will be missed.*



Ed Coachman - November 24, 2017 at 09:33 PM

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“ *Tony painting the school a couple of years ago. If you look hard enough you can still see it today. He liked to leave his mark.*



Ed Coachman - November 24, 2017 at 09:30 PM

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Ed Coachman - November 24, 2017 at 09:21 PM

MB

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Boyce - November 24, 2017 at 08:16 PM

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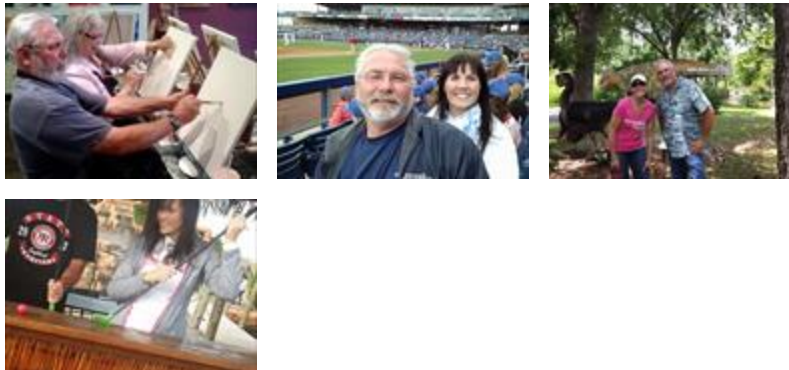
“ Tony and I spent a lot of time keeping score for Hilldale. He was a true friend. My heart is saddened by the loss of Tony. I will be praying for you guys. If I can do anything, let me know. He will be missed by so many. He made an impact on so many at Hilldale over the years.

Earl Cobb - November 24, 2017 at 06:51 PM



Rebekah
G Jamie
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Rebekah G Jamie Mc - November 24, 2017 at 04:13 PM


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Rebekah G Jamie Mc - November 24, 2017 at 04:00 PM


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Rebekah G Jamie Mc - November 24, 2017 at 03:48 PM


Rebekah
G Jamie
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“ *You were my world, and I miss you so much*



Rebekah G Jamie Mc - November 24, 2017 at 03:46 PM

RO

“ July 4, 1983



Rick Obal - November 24, 2017 at 03:16 PM

EG

“ Lots of good memories. Will always remember Tony telling his nieces that you were “moving to the other side of the rainbow” Love to you all, Eileen, Nicole, Natalie and Brittany Garrett



Eileen M Garrett - November 24, 2017 at 03:05 PM

RO

“ Tony will always be in our hearts.
Our prayers to Tessie, Jasmine, Becky, and Family

Rick, Susan Obal and Family

*August 23, 1986
Garden Grove Park, CA*



Rick Obal - November 24, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Anthony James Garrett.*



November 24, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ *Paula Garrett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony James Garrett.*



Paula Garrett - November 24, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ *July 4, 1983 at Pop and Mom Obal*



Rick Obal - November 24, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 24, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Boyce - November 23, 2017 at 08:47 PM



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Mary Boyce - November 23, 2017 at 08:45 PM

MC

“ *Rosa, Mark, Tessie, Tony, Kenny, Rebekah and Jasmine in front of mom and pop Obal's house in California 1981*



Megan Clemens - November 23, 2017 at 08:24 PM

SC

“ *We love you Tony and, oh how we miss you. You were a good and gentle man beloved husband, father and brother. We remember the backpacking trips and your funny hat with the feather in it that you wore while hiking, your silly grin, the twinkle in your eyes and your low keyed wit. May you rest in peace. Diana, Steve, Sean, Greg, Mary, and Larry.*

Steve and Diana Cameron - November 23, 2017 at 04:45 PM

MB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mary Boyce - November 23, 2017 at 03:34 PM

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The whole gang. This photo taken in Westminster, California in May 1979.

*Front row: L to R Tim, Mom, Tony, Mary
Back row: L to R John, James, Therese, Diana, Brian.*

Mary Boyce - November 23, 2017 at 04:40 PM

MB

“ *Mary Boyce lit a candle in memory of Anthony James Garrett*



Mary Boyce - November 23, 2017 at 03:22 PM

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“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Mary Boyce - November 23, 2017 at 03:10 PM

MB

The first photo of Tony was taken on our backpacking trip to Kings Canyon in California during the summer of 1974.

The next photo was also taken in the summer of 1974 in Stanislaus, California. Diana, Larry & Tony we're resting while I took the photo.

The last photo was taken in September 1975. We (me, Larry, Tony, Diana) had been backpacking in Tiyoabi, California. We had just packed out 18 miles to the staging area where our car was parked. We asked another backpacker to take our photo. All of us were hurting, but all we could think about was eating a hamburger. Thus the reason we crazily decided to pack 18 miles in one day. We never did that again.

Mary Boyce - November 23, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anthony James Garrett.*



November 23, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *Tony loved his bus route kids! He always made sure to decorate his bus for holidays and played holiday music. He took great pride in his work on getting the field ready for Friday night games. for years he has worked the scoreboard for all the home games. He supported the school in so many ways, dressing like Dianna Ross for a staff talent show at a pep assembly, riding a donkey for donkey basketball and wrapping that severed leg prank for our dirty Santa game every year. My personal favorite was a few days ago when I asked help moving a box to which he said as he always did "I don't know, Do you have a work order?" Teasing me again and again! Tony will be missed by his entire Hilldale family!*

Debbie Smith - November 22, 2017 at 08:35 PM