



## Darryle Lee Finch

August 28, 1936 - March 17, 2017

Darryle Lee Finch, 80, of Muskogee, OK found peace on March 17, 2017. Born August 28, 1936 to Otho Finch and Lydia (Kinsey) Finch of Keota, OK. He attended school through the 8th grade in a one room school house in Kanima, OK. He graduated from Keota High School in 1954. He went on to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, OK. Upon completion of his Associates Degree, he attended NSU, where he played baseball, and completed his Bachelor's degree in Education in 1958. Darryle then went on and joined the U.S. Army Reserves.

Early on in his career he worked for the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, serving in several locations throughout the state. In 1966, he began his career at the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Darryle's passion for the veterans he served was evident in his almost 40 years of federal service. He rarely took a sick day or vacation and he often took phone calls at home after hours. He was admired by all who worked for him.

While working at the Department of Veteran's Affairs, he met and fell in love with Shirley Barricks. They were married on December 12, 1969 and made their home in Muskogee, OK. They were married over 47 years. They were blessed with a daughter and a son. Darryle was very involved in his children's clubs and sports throughout their school career.

Darryle had a love for music and began his singing career in high school and continued in college. In 1976, he joined the Good News Quartet, singing southern gospel music as they ministered weekly to churches throughout

eastern Oklahoma. The quartet had a radio program airing Sunday mornings until 1989. They made their first recording in 1976, and made over 20 albums during his 30 years with the quartet. Due to his failing health, he had to make the difficult decision to retire from singing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otho and Lydia Finch; and his brother, Jim Finch.

Darryle is survived by his wife, Shirley of Muskogee; his daughter, Lee Ann Gibson and her husband David of Broken Arrow; his son, Scott Finch and his wife Tracy of Broken Arrow; one granddaughter, Lydia Finch; two grandsons, Cody and Tristan Gibson; one great grandson, Braden Gibson; Two aunts, Bernice Bisby and Lois Kinsey both of Stigler; and numerous cousins.

His family will receive friends 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

A celebration of Darryle's life will be 1:00 P.M., Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Grandview Baptist Church with Pastor Danny Mills officiating. Interment will follow at Antioch Cemetery in Stigler, OK. Pallbearers will be Scott Finch, David Gibson, Tristan Gibson, James Bisby, Donnie Sawyer and Mike McElreath.

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

MAR **22.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

MAR **22.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR **23.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Grandview Baptist Church  
3608 S Cherokee Dr  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darryle Lee Finch*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Darryle Lee Finch.*



March 23, 2017 at 12:27 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Darryle Lee Finch.*



March 22, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ *Shelli, Darin, Laurin, Luke Behara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darryle Lee Finch.*



**Shelli, Darin, Laurin, Luke Behara** - March 21, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Darryle Lee Finch.*



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March 21, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ *Mark Sprague lit a candle in memory of Darryle Lee Finch*



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**Mark Sprague** - March 21, 2017 at 12:54 PM



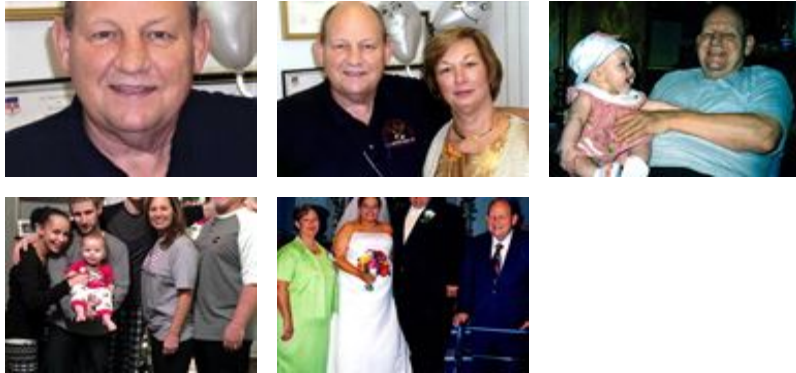
“ *Darryle Finch hired me at the Department of Veteran's Affairs many years ago. He taught me a lot, but the most important thing he taught me was to always take care of our service members and veterans. He was a good, kind, and caring man. He was a very good friend and mentor. He will be missed.*

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**Mark Sprague** - March 21, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ 106 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - March 21, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ *Basket of Joy* was purchased for the family of *Darryle Lee Finch*.



March 21, 2017 at 09:17 AM

CB

“ *Psalm 37:23 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way." Darryle was certainly a good man, indeed a very good man in every way. It was our privilege to meet Darryle, Shirley, Scott and LeeAnn in 1977. We quickly became good friends because of their warm hearts and the love they showed us in so many ways. Even though we moved from Muskogee in 1987, we have been blessed to remain their friends. It is with very heavy and sad hearts that we say a temporary goodbye to Darryle. Shirley, Scott and LeeAnn, our prayers are with you as you must learn to live with such a great loss. Losing Darryle is indeed our loss and heaven's great gain. We love you.*



*Claude and Carol Brown*

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**Claude and Carol Brown** - March 20, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darryle Lee Finch.*



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March 20, 2017 at 02:47 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Darryle Lee Finch*



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**Bobby Ratliff** - March 20, 2017 at 11:42 AM

BR

“ *Darryle was my boss the last 10 years of my working career. He was a very caring boss and one of the best people I ever worked for. I was proud to call him my friend.*

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**Bobby Ratliff** - March 20, 2017 at 09:47 AM

JE

“ *Jim Elliott lit a candle in memory of Darryle Lee Finch*



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**Jim Elliott** - March 19, 2017 at 07:39 PM

JE

“ *Darryle Finch hired me to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was my friend and mentor. Mr. Finch brought me on to assist our active duty military personnel, transitioning out of the armed forces, by helping them with their disability claims and veterans' benefits. Other than my 20-year military career, it was the most gratifying job I have ever had. It really wasn't a "job;" rather, it was a passion of love and respect to the many people who served our nation at Fort Sill, Tinker AFB, Vance AFB, Altus AFB, and Sheppard AFB. He was the most dedicated boss I have ever had. God bless you, Mr. Finch; and, God bless your family!*

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**Jim Elliott** - March 19, 2017 at 07:39 PM

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“ *Judy Moore lit a candle in memory of Darryle Lee Finch*



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**Judy Moore** - March 19, 2017 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Linda Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Darryle Lee Finch*



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**Linda Yarbrough** - March 19, 2017 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Oh the memories! Way way too many.  
The feeling of Darryle being my second dad will forever be in my heart. What a wonderful example he set for a kid to look up to!  
Thank You Shirley, LeeAnn & Scott for being my family all these years. Oh how Heaven is being serenaded with his amazing beautiful voice! May God hold each of you during this painful & awful time.  
Peace ,  
Linda Yarbrough*

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**Linda Yarbrough** - March 19, 2017 at 11:06 AM