



## Gary "Brian" Ketcham

August 28, 1972 - November 18, 2022

Gary "Brian" Ketcham, 50, passed away on Friday, November 18, 2022. He was born on August 28, 1972 in Norman, Oklahoma. Brian was the first-born child of Gary and Carolyn (Olzawski) Ketcham. He attended Pershing Elementary, West Junior High and graduated from Muskogee High School in 1991. Brian attended Garden City Junior College in Kansas on a wrestling scholarship. While he was there, Brian was on two national championship teams in 1992 and 1994; he later transferred to the University of Oklahoma wrestling team.

After College, he returned to Muskogee and started working for the family business, H.E. Ketcham Lumber Dealer as Yard Foreman. He later owned and operated Ketcham Lawn Care. His most recent job was with GSE Construction in Muskogee. Brian also enjoyed helping his dad harvest grapes. In his spare time Brian helped Coach Jefferson with young wrestlers at Muskogee High School. In the spring he always enjoyed helping set up for the Chili Cook-Off in Muskogee. Brian had a love for grilling and smoking meats on his Hasty Bake.

Much of his life was centered around water, boats, cooking, flying with his dad and watching Oklahoma Football.

Brian was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Ketcham; grandparents, Lee and Betty Jo Ketcham, Gene and Janice Olzawski; great-grandparents, Ed and Claire Hudgins, and Bill and Helen Olzawski.

He is survived by his father, Gary Ketcham; his sister, Marcy Powell and

husband Dan of Flagstaff, AZ; nephews, Jackson and Drake Powell both of Flagstaff, AZ; brother, Casey Ketcham and wife Lindsey of Muskogee, OK; nephews, Garrett and Turner Ketcham both of Muskogee, OK; many cousins, aunts and uncles from the Ketcham, Olzawski and Quinton families.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Muskogee Roughers Takedown Club or to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of Brian's life will be 11AM, Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Grace Episcopal Church with Father Chris Cole and Father Bob Wickizer serving as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers will be Rick Olzawski, John Thompson, Andrew Thompson, Jeff Thompson, Will Griffin, Henry Jones, Andy Simmons and George Goldman.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
218 N. 6th Street  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary "Brian" Ketcham

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Brian was one of a kind. We lived in the same apartment complex and became friends that way. He was always so nice. I hate to hear of his passing. Anytime we were outside we'd always talk and check on one another. If I was hanging by the pool he never hesitated to come sit and talk. More times than not, he was always grilling something, and boy was he good at it. He sometimes would surprise me and bring a plate over for me to try something he had grilled. He will sure be missed. And in remembrance of him (his favorite thing to say outside while they were playing on tv) I'll say it for him this time, "BOOMER!"

*Praying for the family and friends who will miss him dearly.*

Jessie - December 08, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ I had the biggest crush on Brian all thru middle & high school and longer! He was always so nice. To his family I'm so sorry for your loss. He's too young to be gone.

Kristie - December 02, 2022 at 09:42 AM

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“ I always thought of Brian as one of my sons. He called me every Mother’s Day, as well as when he needed advice in how to cook something. What a precious soul! He always had a gentle nature and sweet smile. He and my 3 boys all grew up as best friends. Oh how I will miss those calls and that sweet smile!!!

Nita Thompson Lowe - December 01, 2022 at 06:37 PM

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“ I vividly remember meeting Brian for the first time on his first day of 7th grade. John Thompson and I were walking through the halls to a class and he stopped to make sure we met - their friendship/brotherhood made a deep impression on me. Since then, I can honestly say I never once crossed paths with Brian that he didn’t make my day better with his grin and easy-going demeanor. I can’t even imagine how much he will be missed by his family and dear friends. May all who love him be comforted by the Lord who loves him most of all.

Ann Marie Sanderlin Sutton - December 01, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary "Brian" Ketcham.



December 01, 2022 at 08:37 AM

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“ I will miss Brian a lot. He was always smiling and nice. I was always jealous of his great hair, especially when it was braided. The Ketcham's and the Olzawski family's will always be dear to my heart. Rest in Peace Brian!!

DICE Dawson - November 30, 2022 at 10:59 PM



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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary "Brian" Ketcham.*



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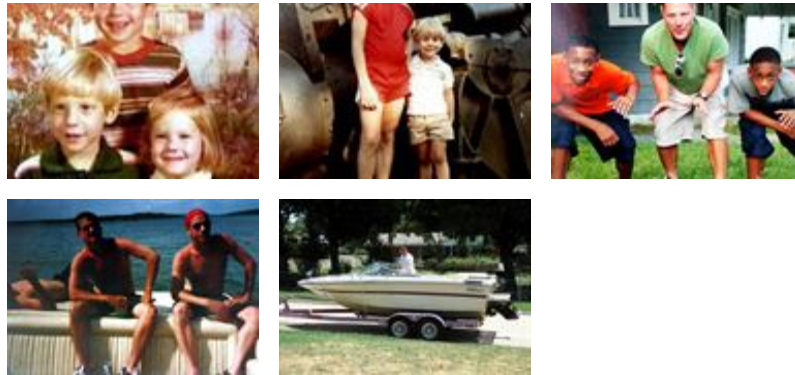


“ *My Lakeland walks are not the same. We miss you Bud. Thank you.*

**JIM NELSON** - November 29, 2022 at 06:26 PM



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