



## Gary David Ridley Sr

July 3, 1953 - November 14, 2021

Gary David Ridley, Sr., 68, of Muskogee, Oklahoma went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 14, 2021. He was born to Dale and Leona (Smith) Ridley on July 3, 1953 in Haskell, Oklahoma. Gary proudly served in the United States National Guard and received an honorable discharge. He married the love of his life, Vera L. Butler on October 27, 1973 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They shared 48 years of life, marriage, family and many memories together. Shortly after their marriage, Gary answered the call to preach and became an Ordained Minister on September 5, 1975. They pastored several churches over the years in the New Life Association where he was very active. You could count on seeing him at the Association meetings, Youth Rallies, Youth Camp and auctions. He was Youth Camp Director from 1992-1997 and received an appreciation plaque for 50 years of service this summer. He loved His Lord and Savior and being with his Brothers and Sisters in Christ. He had a strong bond with his Minister Brothers.

Gary was a materials clerk at ACME Engineering until his retirement in 2001. He loved the rodeo, riding horses, hunting and fishing in his younger years. He took his family camping and on vacations for several years. He loved his family very much and enjoyed spending time with them. Gary will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Leona Ridley.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Vera of the home; his daughter, Sarah

Walters and husband Marshall; his son, Gary David Ridley, Jr., and wife Cheryl; his grandchildren, Ryan and Kelli Warren, Logan Ridley, Mason and Megan Walters; his great-grandchildren, Jaxon, JT and Conrad; his siblings, Linda Criner, Pat Fisher, Charles Ridley, Melvin Ridley, and Dean Ridley; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; daughters of the heart, Tracy, Lana, and Amanda; grandchildren of the heart, Melanie, Emmalyn and Avary. A celebration of Gary's life will be 1PM, Friday, November 19, 2021 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Smith and Rev. Lynn Moss officiating. Interment will follow at Sans Bois Cemetery in Kinta, OK with Gary David Ridley, Jr., Ryan Warren, Logan Ridley, Mason Walters, Marshall Walters and Spencer Cypert serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearer will be Ramon Cabrera.

# Cemetery Details

## San Bois Cemetery

Kinta, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Gary David Ridley Sr*



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - November 19, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Gary David Ridley Sr*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Debbie Rouell-Hood lit a candle in memory of Gary David Ridley Sr*



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**Debbie Rouell-Hood** - November 18, 2021 at 07:01 AM

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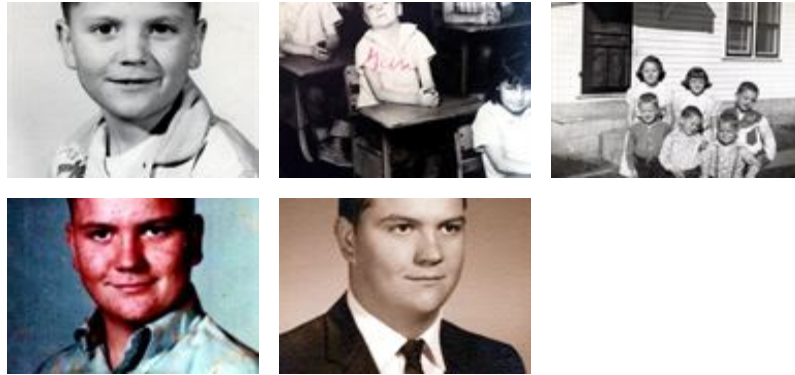
“ Gary was my cousin. It seems that most of the times that we were together lately was at funerals. He had a way of making you feel better by just seeing him there. When I looked at these photos, I thought "what you see is what a genuine man he was", He will be missed by many. Sending our love, Butch & Kim Davis



Victor Davis - November 17, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 17, 2021 at 01:24 PM

RM

“ Prayer for the Ridley family.



Ralph & Carol May - November 16, 2021 at 07:48 PM

LL

“ Lynn & Lynnetta purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary David Ridley Sr.



Lynn & Lynnetta - November 16, 2021 at 05:52 PM

KM

“ Thinking of the family



kathy meadows - November 16, 2021 at 04:34 PM

LD

Prayers to the family. We love you all.

Linda Dodson - November 16, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary David Ridley Sr.



November 16, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ This cut me off before I was finished. RIP cousin Gary!

Terry Smith - November 16, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ *The last time I saw Gary was when he preached my daddy's funeral years ago. Gary walked up to me and said, "How you doing sis?", and then he gave me a bear hug!*



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**Terry Smith** - November 16, 2021 at 02:36 PM