



Matthew Lee DeFries

October 3, 1962 - January 29, 2015

Matthew Lee DeFries, age 52, of Braggs, OK entered into rest on Thursday, January 29, 2015 in Broken Arrow. "Matt" was born in Moore, OK on October 3, 1962 to W.C. "Bud" and Verna DeFries. Matt grew up in Harrah and graduated from Harrah High School in 1980. He was a welder by trade and worked his way up through the years and was working as a shop foreman over the welding department at a Tulsa machine shop. Matt also served as a Firefighter for the Washington Volunteer Fire Department, a Police Officer for the Town of Washington, and a Deputy for the McClain County Sheriff's Department. Matt met Veronica Cox and both knew that they were meant for each other. They were best friends. They were married in Florida on November 9, 2007. Matt loved spending time with his family, grandkids, and dogs. He also loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, W.C. "Bud" DeFries; his mother, Verna Lee Cross DeFries; brother, Peter DeFries; and mother-in-law, Norma J. Cox.

Matt is survived by his wife, Veronica DeFries of the home; mother-in-law, Doris Allen, also of the home; father-in-law, Lue Cox of Muskogee, OK; brother-in-law, Sam Cox and Jeanne of Muskogee, OK; sister-in-law, Chris Palmer and husband Jimmie of Yukon, OK; daughter, Laura Lee DeFries Cheek and husband Derek of Washington, OK; son, Ryan Morgan and wife Misty of Omaha, NE; grandchildren, Kaley Morgan, Clay Cheek, Connor

Cheek, Taylor Morgan, and Claire Cheek; step brother, James M. Taylor and wife Valorie of Keefeton; and host of loving relatives and friends.

A memorial service honoring Matt's life will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at Cornerstone Funeral Home in Muskogee, Ok with Rev. Wendell Cox officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Clay Cheek, Connor Cheek, Joe Neighbors, Ed Veach, Marshall Troy, Ryan Morgan, and Derek Cheek.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Lee DeFries*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Shogue lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee DeFries*



shogue - February 04, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *Matt, Im sorry man, I just found out. I have known you since we were in our 30s. Perk, im so so sorry. my prayers are with you!*

Rusty R.

Rusty - May 31, 2015 at 05:13 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. May all the sweet memories and our Lord sustain you. Jackie (baker) Webb.*

jackie Webb - February 08, 2015 at 08:25 AM

TW

“ *Teresa Steighner Weaver lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee DeFries*



Teresa Steighner Weaver - February 04, 2015 at 05:56 AM

CC

“ *Matt and I played together as kids. I still remember the smell of Uncle Bud's pipe and some of the trouble we got in. Most of it was my fault cause I was older. RIP Matthew.*

curtis cross - February 03, 2015 at 05:15 PM

KC

“ *Veronica & DeFries Family - You will certainly be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this sudden loss. I know it can seem monumental at times just know that Christ is with you to bring strength and peace (Isa 26:3 & Psa 27:14) we are standing with you.*

Love, Your Family at AGC Mfg

Ken Cassel - February 03, 2015 at 04:45 PM

BJ

“ *Bobby And Jan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee DeFries*



Bobby and Jan Johnson - February 02, 2015 at 09:01 PM

CM

“ *Perky and family sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed.*

Charlotte Morgan - February 02, 2015 at 02:35 PM

JS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jana Smith - February 02, 2015 at 01:08 PM

JS

“ *Dang it Matt! This isn't supposed to be the end of your story. I will miss you and wish this were all a dream. We will remember you always.*



Jana Smith - February 02, 2015 at 11:28 AM

LB

“ *Laura & Larry Biggs lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee DeFries*



Laura & Larry Biggs - February 02, 2015 at 09:44 AM

LS

“ *Lea Ann Sterling lit a candle in memory of Matthew Lee DeFries*



Lea Ann Sterling - February 01, 2015 at 11:55 AM

EV

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Ed Veach - January 31, 2015 at 10:45 PM

EV

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Ed Veach - January 31, 2015 at 06:20 PM