



Morris "Monte" D. Heppel Jr

April 9, 1957 - February 7, 2024

Morris "Monte" Dale Heppel Jr, 66, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2024 with his family at his side. He was born April 9, 1957 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Morris Dale Heppel Sr and Joy Lorene Tinker.

He attended public schools in Fairfax, Oklahoma and furthered his education at NOC Jr. college in Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

He married Stephanie Jo Risley on April 9, 2011 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They shared more than 12 years of life, marriage, and memories together.

Monte loved hunting, fishing, taking care of his cows, searching for arrowheads and spending time with his grandchildren and friends. There was no other place he would rather be than the farm with his wife Stephanie by his side.

Monte worked at Georgia Pacific as a screen operator and retired after 32 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his father, Morris Dale Heppel.

Monte is survived by his mother, Joy Tinker and husband Robert; stepmother, Cindy Heppel; his two children, April Hughes and husband Justin, Ryan

Heppel and wife Karlee; four stepchildren, Austin Short and wife Kellie, Shadaria Barnes and husband Cole, Stephen Short and wife Mackenzie and Dove Wittingham; six grandchildren, Tyler, Emma, Gavyn, Tessa, Ethan and Mackenzie and 8 step grandchildren Liam, Blair, Solomon, Blake, maverick, Kolter, Emma, Reid; brothers, Chuck Heppel and Toby Heppel and wife Suzanne; half-brother, Kyle Heppel; along with other family members, and so many good friends.

A family conducted memorial service will be at 2PM, Saturday, February 17 2024 at Hammer Cemetery, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

John 14:1-3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Previous Events

Family conducted memorial service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM.

Hammer Cemetery
Muskogee, OK