



## Richard Dale Funk

March 10, 1953 - April 27, 2014

Richard Dale Funk of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed on Sunday, April 27th, 2014 when the storms blew in at 11:04 a.m. at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma after a long fought battle with cancer. Born on March 10, 1953 to Sidney and Marcella Funk of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Richard lived to be 61 years young because of his active and positive attitude. During Richard's high school years he participated in FFA and Science Club, also working at a local gas station before graduating on May 21, 1971 from Mammoth Spring Public Schools. Later he worked at a boat manufacturing business before moving to Camdenton, Missouri where he was employed by Pizza Hut. During this time a girl in a yellow Camaro caught his eye and through the introduction of a local young man, Rance Libby, Richard courted and fell in love with his wife of 36 years, Sally Libby, Rance's sister.

Richard continued his employment with Pizza Hut in Paola, Kansas, where their first daughter was born; then moved to Gardner, Kansas and onto Jonesboro, Arkansas, where he opened a brand new Dairy Queen, and Sally gave birth to their second daughter. In Jonesboro, Richard became acquainted with Pizza Inn and in 1982 moved his family to Muskogee, Oklahoma to manage Pizza Inn located at 1107 North York. Richard began joining locals working on race cars and for years sponsored drivers, among many were Randy Bullard and Mike "Fuzzy" Withrow, spending many nights in the pits at Thunderbird Speedway. He became an avid NASCAR fan attending races across the country with his NASCAR brothers. The community and his

family always knew they could count on Richard. He and some of his NASCAR brothers cooked for the Shriners; Richard also supported events, fund raisers and donated to Sadler Arts Academy where his grandchildren attend school. In 1996 Richard and Sally acquired Pizza Inn where his dream of owning his own pizza restaurant became a reality.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Sidney B. Funk, Jr. and Marcella A. Green Funk.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sally of the home; daughters, Shauna Marie Brown and Amanda Dayle Smith, both of Muskogee; six grandchildren, Kylea Jo, Immajen, Jaicee, twins – Sam & Sophi, and Saylor, all of Muskogee; sister, Peggy Lewis of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, and Brother, Jerry Funk of Wagoner, Ok. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, and all his brothers and sisters in laws.

Richard and Sally have always been blessed by many friends and that was apparent this past week by the support and devotion shown to them during Richard's hospitalization.

The family would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to all their friends and family who have shown their friendship, love and support during the loss of our loved one. A special "Thank You" to Betty Cowan and the entire Pizza Inn family for their devotion, care, love, and support during Richard's illness. The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April, 30, 2014 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

Services celebrating Richard's life will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Cornerstone Funeral Home with Rev. Kelly Payne officiating. A private family interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Boyd, Mike "Fuzzy" Withrow, Dan Rice, Russ Henderson, Randy Lamberson, Charles Boyd, David Hix, Russell Branan, Bob Brown, John Edmonds, Billy Delay, and Jack Crow.

And remember, Richard always said, "every day is a good day!"

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

APR 29. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

APR 30. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
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## Family Visitation

APR 30. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ I love you Grampy I wish you were here I miss you so much!!!



Saylor theodore - August 01, 2024 at 06:22 PM

SB

“ I miss you dad. Still don't know why it was your time cause we still needed you!! I love you!!

SHAUNA FUNK- BROWN - March 09, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ Richard Dale Funk

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

MF

“ Richard was my father's first cousin and until very recently didn't know this branch of my family exist. I am very sorry for your loss. I wish i could've met him. My father Michael funk passed when i was four years old and i grew up on my mother's side only hearing story's that my mom could remember. I recently started doing my geneology and i see that i do still have a family on my father's side. He still has two brothers living Burton jr and merle funk who i have recently met and got to know. I would also like to know any other family members that would be interested. If anyone from the family would like to contact me i am on Facebook @ markandjifunk in west Memphis Arkansas.



Markus funk - June 30, 2021 at 09:04 PM

SO

“ *Sophi sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Dale Funk*



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**sophi** - October 23, 2018 at 02:47 PM

  
Shauna Marie

“ *Daddy...*



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**Shauna Marie** - October 16, 2018 at 03:25 PM

  
Shauna Marie

“ *I miss you daddy!!!! Hey Sophi is there any way I can contact you? Any phone any address anything??*

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**Shauna Marie** - October 16, 2018 at 03:24 PM

SO

“ *Sophi lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Funk*



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**sophi** - September 30, 2018 at 02:41 PM

  
Shauna Marie

*Mommy loves you Sophi Belle!!*

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**Shauna Marie** - October 16, 2018 at 03:17 PM

SO

“ *Sophi sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Dale Funk*



sophi - September 12, 2018 at 02:07 PM

SO

“ *Sophi lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Funk*



sophi - September 12, 2018 at 02:06 PM

SO

“ *i miss you all*

sophi - September 12, 2018 at 02:06 PM



*Immajen and I miss you and Sam more than you'll ever know!! I'd give anything to wrap my arms around you!!*

Shauna Marie - October 16, 2018 at 04:20 PM

S)

“ *Sophi ( The Granddaughter ) lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Funk*



sophi ( the granddaughter ) - April 27, 2018 at 11:39 AM

KY

“ *I love you Grampy. You are missed everyday.* ”



Kylea - March 10, 2018 at 12:24 PM

AC

“ *Amanda Coffey sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Dale Funk* ”



Amanda Coffey - August 07, 2015 at 02:27 AM

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“ *Immajen Brown (Irb) lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Funk* ”



Immajen Brown (Irb) - September 02, 2014 at 09:45 PM

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*I love you grampy!*

Immajen Brown (Irb) - September 02, 2014 at 09:45 PM

SO

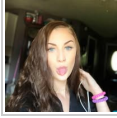
*I miss you so much I wish you could be here right now*

Sophi - February 21, 2018 at 03:29 PM

S)

*a grandpa is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow*

sophi ( the granddaughter ) - April 27, 2018 at 11:43 AM



*I miss you so much too Sophi I wish I could be right by your side*

Immajen Brown - October 18, 2018 at 02:48 AM

SB

*Mommy misses you Sophi, just as much as I miss Sam and Grampy!!!!  
I LOVE YOU!!!!*

Shauna brown - October 20, 2018 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ John, Susan And Alic Mills lit a candle in  
memory of Richard Dale Funk



John, Susan and Alic Mills - May 04, 2014 at 12:11 AM

SH

“ Steve & Lisa Highfill lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Dale Funk



Steve & Lisa Highfill - May 02, 2014 at 02:58 PM

CK

“ Prayers to Sally, the girls and all the family. So sorry to hear of his passing this week. as we have been gone from Muskogee for many years and I did not know he was ill. What a loss to the family and the community - such a nice man. Praying for comfort to Sally and the family in the weeks and months to come.

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**Connie Knief** - May 02, 2014 at 01:44 PM



“ richard was a good friend... always jokin had a good out look on life .. glad he was a part of my life .. r.i.p. brother see ya on the other side ..

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**James Richerson** - April 30, 2014 at 09:09 AM

SA

“ Sam lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Funk



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**Sam** - April 30, 2014 at 05:26 AM

CR

“ Richard was a wonderful friend to Dan and I. We will miss him dearly. We have had so many laughs together, shared the ups and downs in life. Many memories flood my mind. My heart is heavy now as the tears flow. Sally and Richard, their children and grandchildren mean so much to us. They have been an extended family to us for many years. We love each and everyone of them. When I think of Richard I see his warm smile, giving heart and positive attitude. He was a warrior, a hero to look up to in his battle with cancer. His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of many. He has touched the souls of all who have known him. Sally has been a pillar of strength through this battle. I admire her and love her. Richard has affected many lives with his kind thoughts and deeds. I have heard so many stories from so many. It warms my heart to of been able to call this incredible man my friend. I will cherish all of my memories for now and when I meet up with him someday we will hug and share those memories. I love you my friend.

Carol Rice

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Carol Rice - April 29, 2014 at 11:53 PM

LS

“ I remember selling Richard and Sally their first home in 1982. Such precious people and always smiling and kind. Richard remained the same throughout the years always leaving you lifted up with his positive attitude. What a loss to our community. May God comfort Sally and family today and in the months to come. Linda Sizemore

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Linda Suzanne Sizemore - April 29, 2014 at 09:05 PM

GF

“ Our hearts go out to Sally and the girls. Richard was a blessing to our family. When Richard and Randy became friends, Richard and Sally became part of our family. Thank You Richard for always being there when we the family needed comfort. Sally you and the family are in our prayers.  
Love Gary and Cora Foreman and Family

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**Gary Foreman** - April 29, 2014 at 08:53 PM

SR

“ Richard was an amazing man he fought hard && never gave up! He is a true example of strength and hope :) he will be greatly missed by tons of people. My heart and prayers to Sally&& the family god will help you through the rough times. U guys gave Richard the best last years he could have. I love you all!

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**Samantha Rowe** - April 29, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KG

“ Richard will be missed by Sherri and me as he was a highlight to my week, just having the opportunity to enjoy his wit and his kindness. I would express to his wonderful family that they are blessed with a legacy that everyone wants...a multitude of loving friends.

*My memories of Richard are fond and are many but anyone that knew him in the battle of his life must have recognized his courage. I admire quality and Richard, his tank was always full.*

*Thank you Richard for a lasting friendship and for the attributes you shared with so many.*

*Kelly and Sherri Garrett*

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**Kelly Garrett** - April 28, 2014 at 04:05 PM

CN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Nelson - April 28, 2014 at 02:35 PM



*God rest his soul!*

Ryan Montgomery - April 29, 2014 at 07:45 PM

S)

*today is the day my grandpa richard dale funk died and i hope he is doing well in the better place he is in and he is always in my heart no matter what day or what time it was i will always love him and i know inside and out that he tried his hardest to beat the cancer and that is what truly matters*

sophi ( the granddaughter ) - April 27, 2018 at 11:30 AM

SO

*i hope he resting in a good place watching over my family and he is probably watching nascar to Sophi ( the granddaughter ) by the way i love you immajen ( my loving sister ) who was always there for me no matter what happened*

sophi - September 12, 2018 at 02:05 PM

SO

*i will always love you grampy ( the granddaughter sophi )*

sophi - September 30, 2018 at 02:40 PM