



Richard James Owens Sr.

October 22, 1941 - April 20, 2012

Richard James Owens Sr. passed away Friday, April 20, 2012 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born October 22, 1941 in St. Louis, Missouri to Roy M. Owens and Leona E. Winkler Owens. Richard graduated from Boling Green High School. He met and later married the love of his life, Lee Eilean Chandler on February 15, 1963 in Louisiana, Missouri. Richard worked for Stark Brothers Nurseries for 35 years from which he retired in 1994. You could find Richard tending his garden, fishing, or working on his tractor but most important to him was spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Richard was of Catholic faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Leona Owens; granddaughter, Michelle Owens; great great grandson, Braxton James Martin; and son-in-law, Steve Burke.

Richard is survived by his wife, Lee Owens, of the home; son, Richard J. Owens Jr. and wife Angel; daughter, Sherry L. Owens Burke, all of Porum, OK.; brothers, Roy Owens and wife Joyce, Don Owens, Gus Owens and wife Nelva, and Tom Owens, all of Missouri; sisters, Mary Owens and Shirley Owens both of Missouri; grandsons, Rocky Ledbetter, Richard Owens III, both of Porum, Matthew Martin and wife Krystal of Wahiawa, HI.; granddaughters, Brittany Burke and Hannah Owens, both of Porum; great granddaughters, Kaylee Dawn Acker-Martin and Abbi Lynn Martin of Wahiawa, HI.; other family members, Jim and Clarice Chandler, Bob and Bert Kimbry, Sam and Cora Lee Chandler, all of Missouri; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Fields Cemetery in Porum, Oklahoma with Pastor Wayne Lindsey officiating. Pallbearers will be Rocky Ledbetter, Richard J. Owens III, C.L. Wilson, Steve Lindsey, Danny Nevitt, and Ronald Rocky Ledbetter. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard J. Owens Jr., Matthew Martin, Chester Martin, Roy Owens, Don Owens, Gus Owens, and Tom Owens.

Cemetery Details

Fields Cemetery

Porum, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fields Cemetery
Porum, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard James Owens Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Lee & Family,
Just heard about Rich yesterday. My sympathies. I remember
visiting you and Rich when I came to Porum. Loved hearing Rich tell
about happenings at the nursery. Always enjoyed visiting with both
of you. Take care, Lee!*

Marian Kuntz - April 27, 2012 at 04:17 PM



“ *Virgil (Gene) Niffen lit a candle in memory of
Richard James Owens Sr.*



Virgil (Gene) Niffen - April 24, 2012 at 01:51 PM

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“ Dear Lee and family,

There's a Better Place"

*There's a place I've never seen
beyond this world we know,
A place I've only heard of but
someday hope to go -
It's not on any map,
there are no roads
to take me there,
But it's a place of perfect peace
where hearts are free from care.
And though I understand
some may be saddened when I leave,
One day, we all will meet again -
that's what I believe...*

*When it's time to travel there,
I think I'll wear a smile,
I'll say good-bye to those I love,
but only for a while,
Knowing there are others
who have traveled there alone,
Who cannot wait to greet me
and to whisper "welcome home."*

*May you find peace
in the thought
that your loved one
is in a better place.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Gene and Heide Niffen,
271 Red Bud Ln,
Forsyth, MO 65653,*

Heide Niffen - April 24, 2012 at 12:47 PM



“ *We all Love and Miss You grandpa we will never forget you!!!*

Rocky Ledbetter - April 23, 2012 at 09:39 AM