



Rick Garner

February 9, 1953 - June 16, 2025

John “Rick” Ray Garner, age 72, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 16, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on February 9, 1953, in McAlester, Oklahoma, Rick was the beloved son of Wallace C. and Betty M. (Scraper) Garner.

Rick attended public schools and graduated from Hartshorne High School with the class of 1971. On November 12, 1987, he married the love of his life, Carol Ann McCaffrey in Van Buren, Arkansas. Their union was one of love, partnership, and deep devotion, lasting nearly 38 years.

Rick’s professional journey took him to Fort Howard in the 1980s, and he later pursued a successful career as a graphic designer at Hoffman Printing and Franklin Graphics, where his talent and creativity left a lasting impact.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Rick’s life was enriched by his passions and hobbies. He had a lifelong love for fishing and was a proud member of several fishing clubs and tournament trails, where he shared his enthusiasm with like-minded friends. Rick also loved to draw, go camping, cook, listen to music, and, most importantly, spend quality time with his family. He cherished his role as a “Granddude” and took immense joy in watching his granddaughter Morgan play basketball.

A man of faith, Rick was a devoted member of Immanuel Baptist Church, where his warmth and kindness touched the lives of his fellow congregants.

Rick's legacy of love, kindness, and passion will forever remain in the memories of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace and Betty Garner; his in-laws, Mac and Bettie McCaffrey; his sister, Jan Laws; his brother-in-law, George Bristow; his brother, Bucky Garner; and his son, John Brent Garner.

Rick is survived by his devoted wife, Carol Garner, of the home; his loving daughters, Amber McDaniel and husband Trapper of Muskogee, and Michelle Jones of the home; his cherished grandchildren, Morgan Morris, Mabree Morris, Ashlyn McDaniel, and Kord McDaniel; and his dear great-grandchildren, Colt Frix, Leanne McKay, and Chloe McKay, all of Muskogee. Rick's siblings include Raymond McCaffrey and wife Candace of Norman, Wayne Garner of Wilburton, Vivan Garner Cottrell and Raymond Garner, both of Tahlequah, Cynthia Ann Brooks of San Antonio, TX, Carolyn Vouklizas of Arlington, TX, and Mary Ann Bristow of Cookson. He also leaves behind special cousins, Richie Garner and wife Allison of Tahlequah, as well as a host of extended family members and friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.

Rick's life will be celebrated at 11AM on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Jack Weaver officiating. Honorary pallbearers will include David Buckmaster, Richie Garner, Lonnie Williams, Paul Weaver, Darby Webster, Wayne Divelbiss, and Alan Jones.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family to greet friends

JUN 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Muskogee, OK 74403
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Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Video of Service* ”



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 24, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ 74 files added to the album *Life Tributes* ”



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 20, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ When I think of Ricky I think of something we both loved...”crappie.”
It hurts knowing I won't get to share his catch with Carol, Michelle and him again. He was proud of what he caught and how they were prepared!! More importantly, I know Carol and Ricky were a devoted couple. They produced a beautiful, loving family together. He will be greatly missed by all ❤️ ”

Diane - June 19, 2025 at 06:48 PM

GK

“ Met my cousin when we were kids uncle Wallace came to visit us.moved away later on.I remember his words as a little boy(I'm Tonta an this is my brother the lone ranger) got a kick out that .Rest in peace my sweet cousin.See you in the resurrection.love to your family .from your uncle Arnold daughter Gloria Garner Kroenlein.

Gloria Garner Kroenlein - June 19, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CF

“ Cynthia and Ibarra family purchased the Sweet S olace Spray for the family of Rick Garner.



Cynthia and Ibarra family - June 18, 2025 at 11:29 PM

DN

“ Ricky was a very kind man and friend who I worked with at Franklin Graphics when I first moved to Oklahoma from Dallas, TX. I am sad he's gone, but definitely not forgotten, and we will all be reunited with Christ on that beautiful day.

Donna Newsom - June 18, 2025 at 10:59 PM

BS

“ Grew up at Jones Academy, along with the Garner boys. Ricky had a big heart, even as a child. Just one of the nicest guys you could ever find. I am truly saddened to hear of his passing.



Barbara Sitter - June 18, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rick Garner.*



June 18, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rick Garner.*



June 18, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rick Garner.*

June 18, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ *Paul & Sandy Weaver purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rick Garner.*



Paul & Sandy Weaver - June 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ *Paul & Sandy Weaver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Garner.*

Paul & Sandy Weaver - June 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM

HC

“ I met Rick when working at my place bbq. He was a great good hearted guy. I never seen him without a smile on his face. He will forever be remembered. My condolences to his family.



Heather Stuart (Smith) - June 18, 2025 at 03:46 PM

EC

“ Eugene Conrad lit a candle in memory of Rick Garner



Eugene Conrad - June 18, 2025 at 03:24 PM

VC

“ Vivian and Ron Cottrell purchased the Country B asket Blooms for the family of Rick Garner.



Vivian and Ron Cottrell - June 18, 2025 at 03:20 PM

VC

“ Vivian and Ron Cottrell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rick Garner.

Vivian and Ron Cottrell - June 18, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rick Garner.*



June 18, 2025 at 01:59 PM



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