



## Robert Henry (Hank) McKee

March 15, 1942 - January 5, 2015

Robert Henry (Hank) McKee, a local artist and Musician, passed away at his home on Monday, January 5, 2015. He was born in Oklahoma City, OK on March 15, 1942. His family moved to Muskogee in 1944. He attended West Jr. High, Central High, and graduated from Shattuck Military School in Minnesota in 1960. He then attended OU, and later graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK receiving a B.A. in Fine Arts.

Hank served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in South Korea. He loved to play the guitar with his friends and taught many how to play. He was a longtime member of Wauhilla Outing Club and spent many happy hours on the Barrenfork.

Hank was a unique, eccentric person; his "Hankisms" are treasured by his family and friends. He was an avid reader and timed himself on crossword puzzles which he did in ink. He was an excellent swimmer and won many medals for diving on the Muskogee YMCA Swim Team.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Mary Hatt McKee; and his younger sister, Kristy.

He is survived by his son, John Michael McKee-Yager; granddaughters, Sophia and Sara Yager, all of Clovis, CA; sister, Margo McKee Terrapin of Tahlequah, OK; niece, Margaret Terrapin; nephew, Mack Terrapin; grandniece, Alli Terrapin; grandnephew, Nick Terrapin. His beloved dog Lucy preceded him in death. He is survived by his Yorkie, Dude, who is in the care of Steve Ball, per Hank's wishes.

A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family request any donations be made to Good Neighbor Hospice: 1122 N Main St, Suite B, Muskogee, OK 74401.

Cremation services provided by Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 N. York St., Muskogee, OK. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert Henry (Hank) McKee

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ Hank was a unique individual and a lifelong friend. I will miss him.

**Andy Anderson** - January 13, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ Hank's music will resonate with his friends as long as we live. Crack a beer, get out your guitar and let's sing a few on a summer evening. God speed.

**John Summar** - January 08, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ Hello Margo - So long since we've seen each other. Had many good times with Hank on the swimming team and he often visited me at the newspaper office where we had good visits. He gave me some of his artwork which I still have.

So sorry for your loss - he will be missed by all who knew him  
Joan (Stone) Morrison

**Joan (Stone) Morrison** - January 08, 2015 at 10:42 AM



I first met Hank on the tennis court at Rotary Park in 1955. I never did master the game of tennis, but all of us had lots of good laughs. Jan Arterburn Sheets and would always laugh about those days. We also enjoyed watching his amazing diving at Honor Heights. A fun guy gone much too soon, Margo.

**Mikie Huff** - January 13, 2015 at 10:22 PM

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“ Hank was a gentle, kind, devoted friend and companion to my sister Catherine until her untimely passing in 2012. He was also so kind and supportive of my mother, Julia Beckman Cain, in her final years. We'll all miss him.

*Our deepest condolences to Hank's family. Hoping he's tuning up his guitar and playing something sweet for Catherine and Julia...*

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**Curtis Cain & Family** - January 07, 2015 at 11:26 AM

MC

“ Hank,  
Your friendship and companionship was a treasure for my sister, Catherine, for the last few years of her life.  
No doubt, you are sitting together on a screened porch, surrounded by leafy green and the gurgling of a stream much like the Barronfork.

*Hank, I imagine that you are strumming on your guitar or sketching a landscape of gnarly trees.*

*Catherine is nearby, knitting yet another pair of yellow “nanner socks”.*

*There may or may not be some smoke in the air...*

*Just sayin'!*

*God bless you, Henry. You have arrived!*

*Looking forward to hanging out with you again someday, my friend.*

*Love,*

*Mary Ellen Cain*

*Oklahoma City, OK*

*PS to Doodad (aka Dude) - Dooooode! I WUV you!*

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**Mary Ellen Cain** - January 07, 2015 at 10:58 AM

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“ *Word and music will never touch the beauty that I see, looking into you. I will miss you but you will live forever in my mind. LL*

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**LOUAHNA LEDYARD** - January 06, 2015 at 06:53 PM