



Tommy Joe Checotah

March 4, 1952 - December 6, 2025

Tommy Joe Checotah fell asleep in death Saturday, December 6, at St Francis Hospital in Muskogee. He was 73 years old.

He graduated from Oklahoma School for the Deaf in 1973 where he was a member of the Indian Football Team with honors. Tommy worked and lived in Tulsa before returning home to Muskogee where he worked for American Foundry for years.

Up until his illness, Tommy loved to swim, run and watch football. He participated in the Tulsa Run. Football was always the highlight of his life.

He loved attending Muskogee High School Games.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton Checotah and Annie Barnoski Checotah, Grandmother, Charlotte Yahola Bell, Sister, Bonnie Adeline Barnoski, brother, Raymond Checotah and Nephew Benjamin Ray Checotah and great nephew Samuel Checotah.

He is survived by his brothers, Clarence and Clinton Checotah Jr, sister, Joann Checotah, of the home. Great nieces, Kylie Michelle, Gabriella and Charlotte Ann Checotah and nephew's wife, Christan Checotah who was dear to him.

As Tommy's illness progressed through years of dialysis and heart problems, he always had a smile on his face and greeted others with a smile. He got to know his true loving father Jehovah and knew that one day he would live once again in the paradise earth.

Due to Tommy and his family wishes, a private service at the cemetery will be

held at a later date.

Visitation will be 9AM-8PM, Friday, December 12, 2025 at Cornerstone
Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Tommy. My late husband, Jack Tucker, was one of Tommy’s teachers at OSD. Tommy was a very nice young man. We got to see him and visit with him several times after we moved back to Muskogee county. It was such a pleasure to see him again. Prayers for his family.

Mrs. Jack Tucker (Julie) - December 16, 2025 at 10:06 AM

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“ Mrs. Jack Tucker (Julie) lit a candle in memory of Tommy Checotah

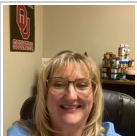


Mrs. Jack Tucker (Julie) - December 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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“ RIP Tommy, you are free. Sweet memories of school days will remain forever in memories and hearts. Prayers to your family who miss you too.

Linda Blue - December 15, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Tommy Checotah



Monica Mabry - December 11, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - December 11, 2025 at 01:47 PM

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Tommy was always so nice to me growing up. We all called him Uncle Tommy, he was my baby brother's Uncle but didn't care that we called him uncle and actually claimed us as his own. I am so very sorry to see he has passed away. Thank you for sharing all his pictures ❤️

Adele Burnett - December 28, 2025 at 11:47 PM

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Praying for his family 🙏🥰

Adele Burnett - December 28, 2025 at 11:48 PM