



Gary Wayne Flinchum

MAR 12, 1945 - OCT 10, 2023



Scan to Visit



FLORAL HAVEN

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Events	Page 5
Tribute Wall	Page 6
Media	Page 8



Gary Wayne Flinchum

MAR 12, 1945 - OCT 10, 2023

In Loving Memory of Gary Wayne Flinchum

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Gary Wayne Flinchum, a beloved husband, brother, uncle, grandparent and friend. Gary, born on March 12, 1945, in Tulsa, OK, peacefully departed this world on October 10, 2023, in Owasso, OK, surrounded by loved ones. He brought joy to many, and his absence leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

Gary was born to Lawson Flinchum and Louise (Bohanon) Flinchum. He was the eldest child of four children, with three loving sisters. A graduate of Nathan Hale High School in 1963, Gary went on to serve his country in the US army. Upon His honorable discharge, he went on to study at Oklahoma University to pursue a career in construction administration and architecture.

Affectionately known by his wife as Mr. Busy Britches, Gary was the king of the do-it-yourself-ers. Whatever needed to be done, He could do it. He was capable of fixing almost anything, and he always had a project going, whether it was at his house or someone else's. A true handyman, He loved sharing his skills and knowledge to family and friends.

In 1992, Gary met the love of his life, Nancy Bouakadakis, during a summer bowling league, a moment that marked the beginning of a beautiful love story. Nancy recalls immediately noticing Gary's blue eyes, and well, the rest was simply history. After 12 years of being together, Gary finally decided to add getting married to his project list. In April of 2003, Gary and Nancy tied the knot.

An outdoorsman at heart, Gary loved being outside, whether he was working, playing, or simply sitting on the porch with Nancy. With his family and friends, he was more than generous with his time, no matter how it was spent. His dry sense of humor was legend, leaving us all a legacy of Gary stories for generations to come.



Obituary

Gary Wayne Flinchum

MAR 12, 1945 - OCT 10, 2023

Gary is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Cheryl. He is survived by his devoted wife, Nancy, his sisters Marcia and Linda, his stepson Jim and his wife Anne Marie, his granddaughter Hollie, grandchildren William, Amelia, and Taryn Crawford, along with Andrew and April Graham, Gabriel and Miranda Graham, Danny and Lauren Graham, Brian and Joni Holley, Mary Lou Holley, Luke and Jenny Brummett, Leasa Ailshie and Anna Nimz, Tommy and Jessi Mayfield, as well as many other extended family members and loved ones.

A celebration of life will be held at 12:30 PM on Friday, October 27, 2023, at Floral Havel Funeral Home Chapel, located at 6500 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Services will be live-streamed for anyone who is unable to physically attend. Livestream Link: <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/93852>

A reception will be held immediately after conclusion of the chapel service from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM. The family would like to warmly extend an invitation to anyone wishing to attend the reception to continue sharing memories. The reception will be held at the Family Center, also located at Floral Havel Funeral Home, 6420 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Oxford Glen Memory Care in Owasso, OK by calling (918) 376-0446 and requesting to donate in memory of Gary per family request.

Arrangements entrusted to Floral Haven Funeral Home.




Events


Gary Wayne Flinchum

MAR 12, 1945 - OCT 10, 2023

Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, October 27, 2023

 12:30 PM CT


 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012

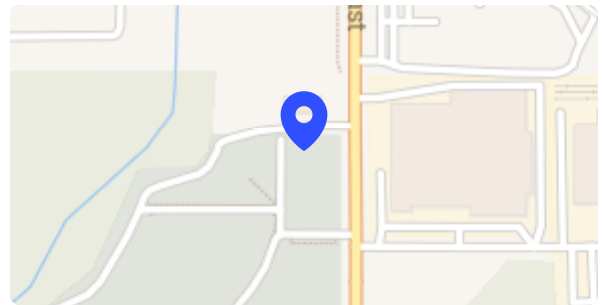


Reception following Services

 **Friday**, October 27, 2023

 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM CT

 **Floral Haven Family Center**
6420 South 129th East Avenue, Broken Arrow OK 74012





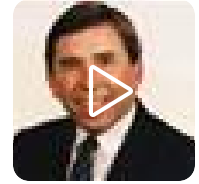
Tribute Wall

Gary Wayne Flinchum

MAR 12, 1945 - OCT 10, 2023



Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory Andcemetery shared a **Webcast Video**.



October 25 at 7:19 AM



Jeff Thomas posted:

Unfortunately I can not be at the memorial service and don't mind this being read at it. I worked with Gary Flinchum at SelserSchaefer Architects. He's the main reason I do construction administration. He took we under his wing and was a great mentor. We had lots of laughs and fun as well. We had some great times. He really got along with the younger adults at the office and even persuaded us to start running after work. He's the only reason I ran two Tulsa Runs and I didn't run anymore after that cause I really didn't enjoy it but with Gary and the other co-workers we had a good time doing it. Gary always had fun stories or just funny things that would just happen with him around. Even though he is no longer with us, his memories and teachings will keep living. I am saddened by the news but also happy I was able to be part of his life and he a big part of my life. Jeff Thomas

October 26 at 7:34 PM



Marylou Holley lit a candle in honor of Gary.

MaryLou Holley lit a candle in memory of Gary Flinchum



October 26 at 5:18 PM



Marylou Holley posted:

Back in the mid-80's, there used to be a creepy laughing clown doll at the house at Grand Lake that sat on the shelf by the living room and kitchen. When you pressed something or pulled a string, very loud and unhinged laughter would come from the clown, which was actually a little terrifying. One day, someone pulled the string, maybe Marcia or Cheryl, and said "it's Uncle Gary." I thought that was the funniest thing and was no longer afraid of the clown, much to Jennie's displeasure. The remainder of that trip, I am pretty sure the clown was put on a shelf out of my reach. Ever since I heard of Gary's passing, I have been scouring eBay to find that laughing clown doll, to put on my shelf with my collection of creepy dolls. Who knows? Gary might be single-handedly responsible for my obsession with creepy old dolls. Also, watching Gary and John who were thick as thieves during the family fishing tournament, I always enjoyed their bond. They were so fun to be around.

October 26 at 5:17 PM



Tribute Wall

Gary Wayne Flinchum

MAR 12, 1945 - OCT 10, 2023



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Flinchum family.

October 26 at 6:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Flinchum family.

October 25 at 4:24 PM



Kim, Aggie, Madeline & Grethe Smith sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Flinchum family.

October 21 at 9:32 AM



With Love From All Of The Sample Family sent a Large Basket Garden to the Flinchum family.

October 14 at 9:32 AM



With Love From All Of The Sample Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.

October 14 at 9:32 AM





Media

Gary Wayne Flinchum

MAR 12, 1945 - OCT 10, 2023



Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory Andcemetery shared a **Webcast Video**.

October 25 at 7:19 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit



FLORAL HAVEN