



# Stephen Joseph Gifford

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**S**tephen Joseph Gifford, age 68, a resident of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, passed from this life Sunday, January 04, 2026 at home surrounded by his loving family. Steve was born June 07, 1957 to Walter Joseph and Doris Eugenia (Jones) Gifford in Gloversville, New York.

Judy spoke and wrote from her heart, when she said,

"What can I say about the very finest man I ever knew? We met while serving in the Marine Corps and married six months later. We celebrated 45 years of marriage last August. We grew up together, we learned a lot of things the hard way, but the prayers and example of wise dear ones saw us through. Little is much when God is in it.

Together we raised two daughters and enjoyed six grandchildren, one who just met him in heaven. He was a tender, hard-working, humble, faith-filled, loving man with a strong, protector, patriotic heart.

He worked as an A&P mechanic for 40 years for American Airlines and knew the work he did was important. He served as a TPD reserve police officer with majority of that time spent in the motorcycle unit. He loved it so much he served for 34 years without pay and never regretted it."

Steve is preceded in death by parents Walter and Doris Gifford, grandparents Ami and Virginia Gifford, and Abram and Edna Jones, and grandson Owen Lewis.

He is survived by wife, Judith Gifford, daughters Stephenie Shepherd and husband Daniel, Beth Lewis and husband John, grandchildren Rachel, Samuel and Eleanor Shepherd, Kate and Jack Lewis, brother Greg Gifford and wife Carol, sister Connie Daggett and husband Jon, and many nieces and nephews.



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The motto of the Marine Corps is Semper Fidelis, Latin for Always Faithful-and, he was in every way. As a husband, father, Papa, and follower of Jesus, I never met a finer man. We will miss him every day until we see him again in heaven. Thank you for the part you played in his life. He was richer for having known all of you.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 1:00 PM, Thursday, January 08, 2026 at the Community Baptist Church, 28052 E 127th St S, Coweta, Oklahoma. It is on Highway 51.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, make a donation in Steve's name and honor to:

Sacandaga Bible Conference  
191 Lakeview Road  
Broadalbin, NY 12025



# Events

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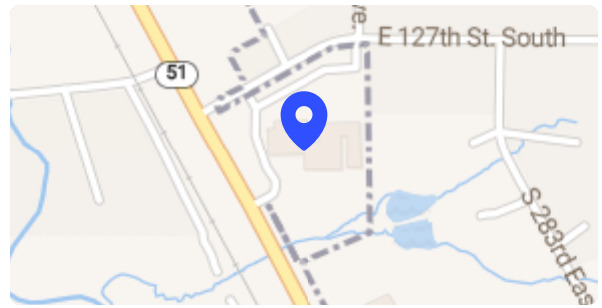
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## Celebration of Life Memorial Service


 **Thursday**, January 8, 2026

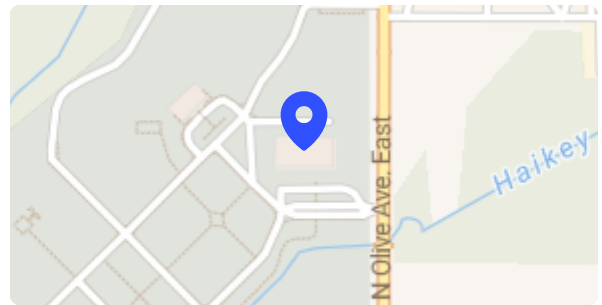
 1:00 PM CT

 **Community Baptist Church**  
28052 E 127th ST S, Coweta OK 74429



## Cemetery Details

 **Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**  
6500 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow OK 74012





# Tribute Wall

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**Mico Gelon** posted:

"Dear judith,I was deeply saddened to hear about your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May God, in His infinite mercy and love, comfort your heart and give you and your family the strength to endure this great sorrow.I pray that the Lord grants eternal rest to the departed soul and welcomes them into His heavenly kingdom, where there is no pain or suffering. May His peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard your heart and mind, and may His presence bring you comfort in every moment of grief.Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God surround you with His love, uplift your spirit, and give you hope and courage in the days ahead.With deepest sympathy and prayers.I'm MANIRADUHA

March 18 at 2:42 AM



**Katya Oakes** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Steve was not only our neighbor but a great friend. He was always there for my family if we ever had a need. Steve and Judy supported my family through two deployments in the last nine years and have always been so kind and helpful. We are blessed to know the Gifford's. Not only are we next door neighbors but Steve and my Husband both worked for the Tulsa Police Department at the same time. Before retirement from TPD, Steve did several ride a longs with my husband and we are thankful to have had those opportunities. From mowing our lawn when life got too busy, helping me figure out strange noises in my house when my husband was gone or just telling our children good morning and to have a great day at school as Steve got home from work, he played an important role in our lives. Steve always went above what was ever expected of him. Steve was selfless which is why he made a great Marine and Police Officer. He was born to serve others and he fulfilled that. Steve Gifford, a very great man, a wonderful husband, dad, grandpa, son and friend, he will be missed so much. Thank you Judy for marrying a wonderful person, we are so blessed to know you both. The love you and Steve shared did not go unnoticed and is something we admire.The Oakes Family



January 7 at 4:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gifford family.



January 8 at 5:06 AM



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**The Dyer Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Stephen.



January 8 at 5:06 AM



**Brittany Moody** posted:

To go the distance, be patient and persevere. Even after a full shift at work, Steve went on runs with me at 1030 pm while I was preparing to leave for basic military training. While I could out sprint him, I struggled to maintain the distance he pushed himself to run. I was better off for the training he did with me, for the long runs and overcoming the mental battle to push through the hard times to experience the results of completing the run and knowing you can do hard things.

January 7 at 11:49 PM



**Brittany Moody** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Steve helped take care of my son, age 3 at the time, for 3 weeks while I was on a military trip. I love this picture taken at their church for the way it shows his faith in God and happiness in being there, his protection and love for my son in holding his hand, and the example he set for my son being excited to be there.



January 7 at 11:45 PM



**Love Your Ben E. Keith Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Stephen.



January 7 at 6:03 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gifford family.



January 7 at 6:03 PM



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**The Lewis And Back Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Stephen.



January 7 at 4:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Gifford family.



January 7 at 4:55 PM



**Katya Oakes** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 8 at 6:22 AM





**Brittany Moody** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 7 at 11:45 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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