



Rickie L. Farmer

March 7, 1951 - May 24, 2019

Rickie Lynn Farmer (Rick), 68 Rick Farmer, 68, died May 24th, 2019, at his home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Rick was born on March 7th, 1951 in Dallas, Texas to Joe and Kate Farmer. He was the youngest of two kids, his older brother was Joseph Farmer (Jodie) born July 10th, 1942. Rick and Jodie had a love hate relationship. The two were night and day different in so many ways, but both great at business and enjoyed working together when they were younger. Rick had so many stories of when he was a child and being picked on by his big brother. Rick was raised going to Church of Christ. He grew up in Texas until his high school years, then moved to Tulsa graduating from Will Rogers High School in 1969. Rick joined the Navy and was honorably discharged. After leaving the Navy Rick enjoyed hanging out with his best friend Danny Parrett. Danny married Janet Oxford. Janet introduced Rick to her sister Beverly Oxford on November 17th, 1973 she became his wife on May 25th, 1974. They ran businesses together in Tulsa, Springfield Missouri, St. Louis Missouri, and Dallas Tx. They tried for three years to conceive a child and after using fertility treatment they had Alice Elizabeth Farmer on March 17th, 1977. Rick and Beverly divorced after 9 years of marriage on. After an initial difficult adjustment period they both pulled together to raise Alice as a team from two separate homes. Rick started American Business Systems in 1982, running it out of his home. Eventually it grew into a business that had over 5 employees and two locations. Over the last few years he has downsized the business back to just a few select customers he had over all those years that he continued to provide services to. Rick was always a business man and knew how to keep up with every little detail. Rick did a very good job of teaching Alice how to navigate in the business world. He loved westerns like The Big Valley, Gunsmoke, and Hondo Lane. Rick liked those shows so much he attempted to make contact with the person who played Hondo Lane and was able to arrange meeting him in California. He and Alice drove to California and met him at a café. They drove a 1967 Pontiac Lemans (Alice's first car they just bought) to California. They had some car trouble when they got there and he took them to his personal mechanic in the small town that he lived in. Rick was never afraid to go after what he wanted, he never let things seem like a barrier. At one point he worked making contact with manufacturers overseas to set up a contract to buy directly from them for his business. Rick loved to travel and enjoyed all different types

of environments. He loved to ghost town hunt and look for treasure (rocks). After Alice was grown she worked for Rick's business for 10 years before deciding to pursue a college degree. Rick was remarried and divorced and had several relationships resulting in two wonderful children, Tyler born on July 11th, 2008 and Samaya born December 29th, 2012. He dedicated his life to raising those two children, running them to school and sports and all activities that their hearts desired. Rick always made sure that all of his children grew up in church. He will be greatly missed. Funeral service to be held Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., at Floral Haven Funeral Chapel.