



Robert Gary Clark

January 9, 1959 - April 22, 2021

Robert Gary Clark (Robbie), 62, passed from this world to the next on April 22, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at his home.

Robbie was born on January 9, 1959, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at Saint John's Hospital. He lived most of his life in Tulsa but also lived in Houston and Los Angeles.

Robbie was a talented athlete. In Houston, Robbie was selected to be the pitcher for the Northwest 45's All Star Team. He loved playing baseball, and, after our family moved to Tulsa, he continued to pitch for the Jenks Trojans. Robbie also played varsity basketball for the Trojans.

Robbie was a 1977 graduate of Jenks High School. After graduation, Robbie attended Tulsa Junior College for two years. He then went to Oklahoma State University where he received his undergraduate business degree.

After graduating from college, Robbie worked for Vinson Supply in inventory control. After a few years in different jobs, including selling insurance and working in construction management in Los Angeles and Tulsa, Robbie found his true calling (in work) as a Tulsa Stage Employee and member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, IATSE #354. He loved that job. He particularly loved the people.

During the '90s, Robbie was an invaluable help to his sister, Linda, with her former business, the Amish Pantry. He picked up and delivered baked goods. Mysteriously, every so often, there would be a dropped mini-pecan pie, which coincidentally happened to be Rob's favorite kind of pie.

As a grown-up, Robbie really enjoyed playing racquetball and volleyball with his friends. He also loved snow skiing, going on float trips, and fishing at Grand Lake.

Robbie was very proud to be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. He highly respected Bill

Anoatubby, Lisa Billy, and other Chickasaw leaders. Robbie also was very proud of the fact that we are direct descendants of Cyrus Harris, a great Chickasaw leader who was the first governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He spent a lot of time learning about our ancestors. Robbie loved going to Ada and surrounding areas in the Chickasaw Nation. He also loved Native American art. He was particularly fond of the work of Dustin Mater.

Robbie loved talking (anywhere, any time!) with his many friends. Robbie loved planning class reunions and praying for his classmates from JenksHigh School. Robbie highly valued his Jenks friends. In fact, Robbie highly valued all of his friends. And he had many.

Robbie loved to laugh. He loved a good practical joke. Our mom, who thankfully was extraordinarily patient with us, was often the target. On family trips--to keep things moving and to help cure the boredom of long vacation drives to Colorado, Florida, or California, he would come up with ideas on ways to prank her—like setting every clock and watch in our hotel room to 9 a.m. when it was really 6 a.m., and then telling mom she needed to get up because it was already 9 a.m. and we needed to get moving. This one worked really well until we went to breakfast, and mom saw the unusually large clock at the entrance to the hotel restaurant that displayed the real-time with its huge hands. Linda, who was sometimes the target of Robbie's practical jokes, "got him back" for all of his pranks on her when we were on a family trip to Canada (as adults). She gave him trick gum that turned his teeth and lips bright blue. Robbie, who has always made friends quickly, had a really long conversation with a very lovely and "very proper" couple from the U.K. with those bright blue teeth and lips. Linda and Laura laughed and laughed. After he figured it out, Robbie laughed too. Bottom line, Robbie was fun.

Robbie was also incredibly inspiring. After being diagnosed with Stage 4 brain cancer almost four years ago, Robbie chose to turn his eyes to God and developed an incredibly close relationship with Jesus. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he chose to praise God. Instead of getting angry, he chose to talk about how incredibly kind his friends, neighbors, and relatives were to him. Instead of complaining, he chose to tell people (many people!) about Jesus. Robbie loved going to Life Church, and particularly loved hearing Pastor Isaiah Bill preach.

Robbie was an incredible person for many reasons. But he will be remembered most for his extraordinary strength, perseverance, and grace in the midst of unusually hard circumstances.

Robbie is survived by two sisters, Linda Pulver (Burk) and Laura Fey (David), four nieces, Chelsea Holt (Philip), Christen Pulver, Chloe Pulver, and Emily Fey, and two nephews,

Chris Clark and Andrew Fey. He will be greatly missed, but we are comforted in knowing that Jesus has welcomed him with open arms. And we are comforted in knowing that he is with so many people who love him, including our mom, dad, and brother Steve.

We have greatly appreciated your kindness to our brother. If you would like to do something to celebrate Robbie's life, in lieu of flowers, we would appreciate it if you would consider making a donation to one of two charitable organizations near and dear to Robbie's heart: <https://hopeisooxygen.org/donations> or <https://www.chickasawfoundation.org/>.

There is a statement on Cyrus Harris's tombstone that Robbie was intrigued by that says: "I was once as you are. As I am now, the same shall you be, so prepare for death and follow me." Robbie totally embraced life on this earth, but he was not afraid of death. He knew that "his" Jesus and many other loved ones would welcome him with open arms. And we know they have.

Chi hullo li, nafki!

(We love you, brother!)

For those that cannot attend the service in person, we will be webcasting at the following link: <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/53003/hash:686EBF8BA0212637>

Events

MAY **Celebration of Life Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Floral Haven's Rose Chapel

6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK, US, 74012

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Gary Clark.



May 01 at 09:52 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Gary Clark.



April 29 at 10:54 PM



“ Chelsea, Phillip, Samuel & Luke purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Robert Gary Clark.



Phillip Holt - April 29 at 04:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Gary Clark.



April 29 at 12:31 PM



“ John and Leigh Reaves purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Gary Clark.



John and Leigh Reaves - April 28 at 11:40 AM



“ I was acquainted with Robbie for years but became friends these last few years. I have never met anyone so positive, generous, and courageous in facing the battle he had to fight. He was upbeat, loving and gracious every time I saw him and I know he is with his beloved Mom now, who he missed so very much. Robbie, you truly were and are a Chickasaw warrior. We will miss you and hold you close in our hearts and memories.

Nancy Holliday - April 28 at 08:36 AM



“ Rob was one of a kind, loving, helpful, kind and a true gentleman. I loved working with him for the years I did. His laugh and smile I will miss. He was a true friend to all, and to me and my family, Rob was family. I loved him like a brother. He would always tell me there's a place for you in heaven for what you do. We are so grateful to have the memories with him. I will miss you deeply, but I know now you are pain free and whole again. Love you always.

Kelley & Dennis Smith - April 27 at 07:47 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Gary Clark.



April 27 at 04:55 PM



“ David & Debbie Robinson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Gary Clark.



David & Debbie Robinson - April 27 at 12:58 PM



“ Kent and I are so sorry for your loss! We had so much fun lately when we took Robbie on travels in Oklahoma. We visited Chickasaw centers and other fun times in Oklahoma. He will always be remembered as a good guy! He loved to dance and we know he is dancing with the angels!

Sandra Vice - April 27 at 11:05 AM



“ Yees!!! Robbie ALWAYS loved to dance, all his life! I could always DEPEND on him at all of our high school "mixers"! He was always ready to boogie!!

Sammye - April 27 at 01:06 PM



“ It was an honor to know Robbie. He had a wonderful outlook, a great and engaging way about him and I SO love that he was a practical joker. I'm thankful he is healed, restored is in heaven and cancer-free. I love you Linda, Laura and families. You are dear to me. With love & prayers.

Charlotte Guest & family

Charlotte Guest - April 27 at 08:00 PM



“ Rob was the kindest guy we've ever known. His heart was enormous, his love of life (and food) was legendary and his miscues were without equal. The best part about Rob was he was never afraid to laugh at himself, and with us. Who can forget the time he forgot to dress in "blacks" for a show at the old Convention Center and ended up using a whole roll of black gaffer's tape to fashion a pair of trousers? Rob, your presence was a true Godsend and the PAC will never be the same. God bless you, Brother. Annie and I will miss your humor, your stories and your gentle soul. Peace.

Joel Genung - April 27 at 10:52 AM



“ I am so thankful that I was able to get to know Rob a few years ago. I will always remember his kind heart and gentle spirit. What a witness he was for his Lord and Savior! Sending my deepest condolences to all Rob's family.

Patti Freeman - April 27 at 10:37 AM



“ Rob, was truly, as his family said, a happy guy. Kind of like Will Rogers, he never met a man or woman he didn't like. Great sense of humor and always pleasant to be around. We will miss you Rob! It was good to see his passion for his Lord these last few years. To be absent from the body, he is in His presence enjoying his new body.

Steve & Diane Brown - April 27 at 10:26 AM



“ I meet Robbie back in 1978. We have remained friends for over 30 years. He was not only one of my best friend's but a brother to me. Robbie, never spoke bad of anyone, he always forgave quickly. He was a loving friend and was there for his friends in need of a ear to listen or a shoulder to cry on. The last years of his life, we would talk at least three times a week over the phone, about the greatness of our Lord Jesus Christ. His enthusiasm and his depth of conversation about God sent a sense of comfort through my body. The last years of his life, he had told me he saw his mom in a dream he had, standing at the top of a staircase welcoming him home. Robbie was ready to be with our Lord and his family in Heaven. I cried because his physical being has left me but in the same Moment I rejoice he is walk in Heaven! I will always carry the golden memories of laughter, travel, hanging out with my Dear Friend.
Fly high Rob, you earned your wings my friend! I will always love you!

cindy Cunningham Salter - April 27 at 09:32 AM



“ Wonderful words written about our friend; wonderful memories you have!! Thank you for sharing.

Sammie - April 27 at 01:10 PM



“ From the times on the boat at Grand to the times at Beverly’s Spa we enjoyed Robbie — VOLLEYBALL !!!! Overies are allowed!!!

Kay Ozmun - April 26 at 09:50 PM



“ "Overs" were always allowed, with Rob, for sure. He was one of the most accepting, generous, giving friends I knew. Gosh I'm going to miss him. 😊

Sammie - April 27 at 01:13 PM