



## Charles "Rick" Richard Reese

August 16, 1956 - March 22, 2024

Charles Richard Reese, age 67, of Raymore, Missouri, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully, on Friday, March 22, 2024. He had been sick off and on over the past few months. Known to his family as Rick and to everyone else as Charlie, he was born August 16, 1956 in Dewey, Oklahoma to parents Charles and Betty (Underwood) Reese Crittenden.

Charlie was born and raised in Dewey, and he loved dogs, horses, rodeos, and motorcycles while growing up. He graduated from Dewey High School in 1975, and a year later joined the United States Navy. He served on a ship while in the Navy, and that is where he injured his right knee – an injury that would plague him for the rest of his life. He endured many surgeries over the years that were all supposed to make it better, but none really did. Charlie never forgot where he came from.

After his service, Charlie obtained his Associate of Arts degree from Rogers State College. Later, he attended truck-driving school in Kansas City, KS. In 1985, Charlie joined the U.S. Park Service in Ft. Washington, MD, then the U.S. Park Police at Wolf Trap Farm in Vienna, VA. He retired from Wolf Trap in 1998 because of his knee disability. He was unable to work after that.

On July 1, 2000, Charlie met Susan, after being introduced by the wife of his good buddy. Susan was a city girl who knew nothing about guns, hunting, or

fishing but knew an awful lot about insurance! She became a willing pupil of how to ride 4-wheelers, how to shoot, and how to fish. Charlie hated insurance. They were married on August 29, 2003 in Timonium, MD. In late 2007, Susan took a position in Kansas City, MO, and they moved there, in part, to be closer to Charlie's son, Charles David, who was living in Topeka at the time. Charlie and Susan had a boxer named Bella who was the love of their life for 7 years, and she was the most spoiled dog in the world; Charlie refused to get another dog after losing Bella.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Susan (Szalecki) of Raymore, MO, son Charles David Reese (Logan) and wife Jessica of San Antonio, TX, "bonus" daughter Nicole Knapp and wife Cheyenne of Butler, MO, brother Jack and his wife BJ of Bartlesville, OK, sister Janetta Tracewell of Dewey, OK, nephews Alex Reese of Copan, OK, Carl Lowe and wife Alison of Bartlesville, OK, Fred Tracewell of Bartlesville, OK, Cody Key and wife Jamie of Dewey, OK, and Chris Hamlett of Bartlesville, OK, and their families; seven grandchildren, and numerous great and great-grand nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00 PM with a celebration of life service at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at Davis Family Funeral – Dewey Chapel in Dewey, Oklahoma.

The family is requesting that instead of flowers, a contribution be made to your local United Way organization (e.g. Bartlesville Regional United Way or Greater Kansas City United Way, etc.).

# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North  
Dewey, OK 74029

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 28.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029  
(918) 534-3030  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Celebration Of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Rick" Richard Reese*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - March 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JB

“ *John and Beth purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles "Rick" Richard Reese.*



**John and Beth** - March 28, 2024 at 09:16 AM

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“ *John and Beth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Rick" Richard Reese.*

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“ *Charlie was one of a kind. He had a heart of gold and shared it with everyone he met. He had a very hardy appetite and he could eat! Luckily he had Susan who knew just how to take care of him. RIP Charlie. You fought the good fight. Xx Pam & Jon Tyson*

**Pam Tyson** - March 27, 2024 at 04:55 PM

JM

“ I was Charlie's caregiver for 15 months. He and his wife were so kind to me. Charlie never failed to thank me, even with things so simple as emptying his wastebasket or bringing him a cup of coffee. There is a huge hole in my heart and I will love him forever.

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**Joanne Mckenzie** - March 26, 2024 at 11:10 PM