



## Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr

June 22, 1945 - November 14, 2023

In Loving Memory of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.

Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr. was a loving husband, devoted father, cherished grandfather, and a respected member of the community as well as a member of the Cherokee Nation. He was born on June 22, 1945, in Ramona, Oklahoma, and peacefully reunited with his wife and Lord on November 14, 2023, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Gary was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jackie Chitwood, who passed away in 2021. He was also preceded by his parents, Roscoe Birdwell Chitwood and Levena Mae Tucker Chitwood, as well as his brothers Ronald Chitwood and Ralph Chitwood.

He is survived by his children; Rebecca Chitwood, Gary Chitwood Jr. and wife Leslie, and Karen Capel. Gary was a proud grandfather to Jennifer De Respini and husband Kenny, Shannon Bradley, Sean Bradley, Korin Mayborn, Zachary Capel, and Alexandra Capel. His legacy extends to his great-grandchildren, Leila, Lucas, Lillian, Kenedi, Kyler, and Hendrix. Sister-in-law, Linda Chitwood and Janice Thomason.

Gary was a skilled craftsman who worked in construction, pouring his dedication and hard work into every project. He shared a passion for gardening and tending to his property with his late wife, Jackie. He was a talented woodworker and found joy in crafting items such as canes, candle holders, and intricate figures; all of which started off as nothing more than parts of trees. His artistic touch also extended to blacksmithing.

Gary lived a life devoted to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a devout believer that stood firm on the scripture's teachings. He wholeheartedly believed in the Bible and the relevance it holds in today's world. He would lead discussions about the Bible often; dissecting the meaning and teaching it verse by verse. He was fervent in his studies of scripture and prayer.

Gary's love for Jackie, was a guiding light that illuminated every chapter of their shared

journey. Their union was a testament to enduring love, mutual respect, and unwavering companionship. Their shared passions, from gardening to exploring the pages of the Bible, were woven into the fabric of their relationship. His devotion to Jackie, now reunited in eternity, remains an enduring legacy of a love that transcends time.

In their earlier years, Gary and Jackie were members of a boat club, and fostered fond family memories of camping trips and deer hunting. The family also embraced adventure as they joined a jeep club, where they indulged in off-road excursions. Gary's affinity for horses was evident, as he enjoyed working with them and sharing his passion with those around him.

His love for his family was immeasurable.

As we remember Gary, let us celebrate the diverse tapestry of his life, marked by the love of a Savior, love for family, craftsmanship, and a zest for adventure. May his legacy continue to inspire us all.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church of Ochelata. Friends and family are invited to join in remembrance and support during this difficult time.

May Gary rest in eternal peace, reunited with his dearest wife and other loved ones who have gone before him.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Ochelata  
290 N Ochelata St.  
Ochelata, OK 74051

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr*



Davis Family Funeral Home - November 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

NW

*I knew Gary and his family when they lived in San Jose. Was good friends with him and Ronnie. Just ran across some old pictures and thought about them. So sorry for the family on their loss.*

nina chance whalen - May 06, 2024 at 03:52 PM

JQ

“ *I love you uncle Gary! I was so young when you and Auntie Jackie married that I don't remember my life without you! You always made me feel special and I will always & forever remember that when I think of you! You will be so very missed! What gives me comfort is knowing that you are now reunited with your true love my very special auntie! I just know that Auntie Jackie was there waiting to welcome you into Heaven along with your mom & dad, your brothers, and family members from both sides of our families! Until we meet again, your niece Joanelle*

Joanelle Quijada - December 02, 2023 at 11:01 AM

RJ

“ *Ronda and Jason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.*

Ronda and Jason - November 30, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.*



November 30, 2023 at 05:38 PM

LM

“ Linda, Walker family, and Shirley Meeker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.

Linda, Walker family, and Shirley Meeker - November 30, 2023 at 05:03 PM

LM

“ Linda, Walker family, and Shirley Meeker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.



Linda, Walker family, and Shirley Meeker - November 30, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.



November 29, 2023 at 11:18 AM

FD

“ From Les and Darlene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.

From Les and Darlene - November 26, 2023 at 09:36 PM

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“ From Les and Darlene purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr.



From Les and Darlene - November 26, 2023 at 09:36 PM

DG

“ I met Gary over 50 years ago when he and Jackie started dating. The reason my ex husband and I moved to Redding was so he could worked with Gary and his brother Ron for many years. I have many wonderful memories of him and the Chitwood family. He and Jackie will always live in my heart. 💕💕

Darlene Graham - November 26, 2023 at 12:49 AM

DB

“ *Darla Bohannon lit a candle in memory of Gary Wayne Chitwood Sr*



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**Darla Bohannon** - November 25, 2023 at 01:28 PM

JR

“ *Gary and I worked together in construction in San Jose, California in the early 1960s. He conned me into to eating an olive fresh off of a tree on one job. Yuck. Was one of my favorite cousins. Will miss him dearly. He was three months older than me. From his cousin Jerry Raley. 💕💕*

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**Jerry E Raley** - November 17, 2023 at 10:34 PM