



Howard Dean Rawlins

May 3, 1940 - February 22, 2024

Howard Dean Rawlins, 83-year-old father, grandfather and great-grandfather, of Caney KS, died Thursday, February 22, 2024, in Bartlesville.

Howard was born the son of Howard DeWitt and Buelah Fae (Cummings) Rawlins on May 3, 1940, in Liberal, KS. He graduated from Guymon High School in 1959 and went on to further his education at Northeastern A&M College in Miami. Howard met Karen Sue Vandiver at church. After some time they were united in marriage on June 1, 1962, and enjoyed 55 years of loving marriage. Once married, Karen joined Howard in Georgia where he was stationed at Fort Gordon until he was deployed to Korea and she returned home to Miami. After Howard's honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, they made their home in Caney. Howard worked as a computer programmer at Phillips Petroleum Company from 1965 to 1991, with 26 years and nine months of faithful service. He went on to work with his son and brother-in-law as a carpenter until he decided to fully retire. On February 12, 2018, Karen preceded him in death.

Howard was an avid reader and his favorite authors were Louis L'Amour and Zane Gray. He whittled and enjoyed leather work, creating and decorating belts and home décor pieces for family and friends. Car problems were no problem for Howard. He could fix just about anything.

Later in life, Howard and Karen became homebodies and enjoyed spending quiet time together. They loved their grandkids and went to visit them regularly. Most of all Howard loved the Lord and his home church, the Dewey Church of Christ. He was active in the ministries of the church and enjoyed singing and leading the congregation in the great hymns of faith. His children and grandchildren remember his sense of humor and his story telling ability, oftentimes adding small fibs to make the story more entertaining for the audience. He will be greatly missed.

Howard is survived three children, Kendra Sue Rawlins, Gregory Dean Rawlins and wife Karen, and Lore LeAnn Rawlins Trowell; son-in-law, Delbert Trowell; siblings, Buddy Rawlins, Larry Rawlins, Susie Williamson, Carrie Garms and Cosette Wymer; six grandchildren, Shelby and husband Jason, Blayne, Makenzie, Ethan, Madisen and Makaden; and four great-grandchildren, Oliver, Evelyn, Deshawn and Braelyn. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents; one son Jeffrey Howard Rawlins; and one sister, Donna Campillio.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Hope Harbor Children's Home, P.O. Box 1047, Claremore, OK 74018.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, at the Dewey Church of Christ. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dewey Church of Christ

1313 N Osage Ave.

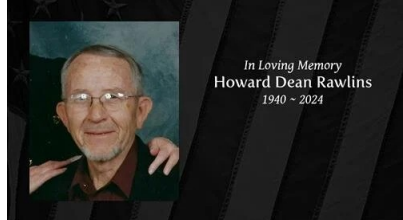
Dewey, OK 74029

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Dean Rawlins*



Davis Family Funeral Home - March 12, 2024 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ *I remember Howard Dean from the Cummings family reunions. He was a first cousin of my mom, Lula Maye Cummings Walsh, so that alone made him very special. She loved her cousins so much. Howard Dean was softspoken, and well spoken. I remember that most! In Colorado, at the 1987 Cummings Family reunion Cozette directed some of us in a most hystetical skit about small town people in Oklahoma and Howard Dean was in it along with myself, my husband at the time, and many others. Sweet memories. My daughter, Layla ran around with one of his granddaughters. Sweet memories.*

Mellanie Walsh Svoboda - March 01, 2024 at 10:58 AM

CH

I was so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. Howard was an awesome man. I began a personalised relationship with he, Kendra and the family, by being the garbage collector. Howard was a true and honest person from the beautiful old school. He built and trusted his relationships in that regard, by wisdom. Howard's life brings back very many special memories that we shared on his porch. Memories that simply cannot be replaced. He's with Mom now, and he's quite happy.

Charlie - March 01, 2024 at 08:40 PM

LB

“ My memories of Uncle Howard.... He always has a good story to tell, he always had to tell you the correct way to do something which meant you were going to have to listen a little longer than you really wanted too. If you wanted him to be on time you better tell him 30 minutes earlier than the original time. If he needed to stop at a gas station and ask for directions or even just to get gas, we would be waiting in the car for 30 minutes. He always had something to talk about and was never in a hurry to get anywhere. Rest in peace and enjoy your conversations in heaven, Uncle Howard.

Lindi Brown - February 28, 2024 at 11:49 PM

CG

Brother Howard was in my life from the day I was born. He was a story teller with a great sense of humor. He loved to sing and he sang at my wedding. He helped me pick up the pieces when I divorced. He loved his extended family and would often bring his wife and kids to spend their vacation making repairs and doing things for his widowed mother. Howard and Sue were a team who shared and did things for others. I don't remember seeing my brother, Howard, without a smile on his face. He loved God, his family and he loved life.

Carrie Garms - February 29, 2024 at 06:23 AM

 Susie Williams

Howard was a dear brother with a great sense of humor! He loved God and his family!!! Many fond memories of good times we shared! He always made us feel special with his kind words and great smiling countenance! He had a beautiful voice and we always loved it when he led singing!! We were blessed to have him with us a long time in spite of grave illness he had. There is great comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering and will have a home in Heaven! He will be missed but his good memory will live on with all who knew and loved him!

Susie Williamson - February 29, 2024 at 07:16 AM