



Mr. Richard Fritts

August 12, 1943 - September 2, 2014

Lewis Richard Fritts, 71, of Bartlesville, passed away Tuesday in Bartlesville.

Richard was born the son of Clifford and Naomi (Funk) Fritts on August 12, 1943, at the family home in Ottawa, KS. Richard attended a country grade school then graduated high school in 1961 in Pomona, KS. Richard joined the National Guard in 1960 and served for four years then was a member of the Army Reserve for another four years being honorably discharged in 1968. Richard was united in marriage with Judith Carol Wadkins on July 21, 1967, in Pomona, KS, and then moved to Ottawa, KS, where they made their home and raised their four children.

Richard worked with Skyhook, Havens Steel and the Missouri Pacific Railroad before starting his own business, Fritts Machine Shop and Garage, which he operated for 20 years from 1972 to 1992. He then started his second career with the University of Kansas as an Instrument Maker and retired after 13 years in 2005. Once the kids left home, Richard and Judi took up Country Western dancing and travelled all over to dance in competitions. They also taught Country dance for 20 years and Richard also choreographed many routines for his dance team. In 2010, the longtime residents of Franklin County, KS, moved to Bartlesville to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Richard was a longtime member of the Church of the Brethren, Ottawa, KS where he served as a trustee and deacon. He loved to fish and hunt, and made several unforgettable trips to the Columbia River in Oregon to fish for salmon and sturgeon with his son. He was a member of the Eagles Club and vice president for one term, and a member of the National Teacher's Dance Association and served as the Whiskey River Dancers president at one time. He was a skilled woodworker and made many pieces of furniture for his children and grandchildren. His greatest joy came from spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Richard is survived by his wife Judith Carol Fritts of Bartlesville; four children, Kevin Murray and Cindy of St. Helens, OR, Roxanne Broes and Sal of Denham Springs, LA, Dawn Carter of Bartlesville, and Rick Fritts and Lisa of Bartlesville; three brothers, Charles Fritts and Shirley, Frank Fritts all of Ottawa.KS, and Clifford Fritts of Atlantus, FL; seven grandchildren, Jessi Carter, Spence Carter, Kayla Kite, Alissa Fritts, Jordan Broes, Sal Broes III and Shelly and Aaron Carlino and Monica; three great grandchildren, Jordan, Gabriel and Sofia; a nephew John Fritts, a niece Sherry Harris and Albert and family, Sister in-law Karen Seyler and Lucky and family; and a host of other family and friends. Richard is preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, at First Baptist Church of Dewey, OK. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tulsa Cancer Center in Bartlesville, 3470 E. Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. Attn: Sue. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Richard's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **12.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Dewey First Baptist Church

300 E 10th St.

Dewey, OK 74029

<http://www.fbcdewey.org>

Tribute Wall

WM

“ I met Mr Fritts at Rick and Lisa's lake house several years ago. We had a great time trolling for bass. We had a caught a lot of fish and every time we would catch a fish he would just laugh with joy. I fished with him later that night until like 1030 pm until I retired for bed. He stayed out there and fished all night. Although I only knew him a short while, I enjoyed the time I spent with him. My prayers go out to his close family and friends but just have peace knowing he is in heaven - likely fishing. Sincerely Wayne Manuel

Wayne Manuel - September 19, 2014 at 10:36 PM

JF

“ The family of Richard Fritts want to thank everyone for lighting candles or posting on Richard's Wall. We loved him so much and it is wonderful to know so many others did also!

Judi Fritts - September 15, 2014 at 09:47 AM

TY

“ Tammra Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Fritts



Tammra Young - September 13, 2014 at 07:05 PM

C(

“ You will be missed you are teaching the angels to dance now dance on boot scooter dancers

candi (hoke) - September 12, 2014 at 05:25 PM



“ *Candi (hoke) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Fritts*



candi (hoke) - September 12, 2014 at 05:20 PM



“ *Wish I was there today. Know that my heart and thoughts are. Mom has instructions to give you all a hug for me. The video was beautiful, a fitting tribute indeed. Sending love, Mindy*



Mindy Smidt - September 12, 2014 at 10:39 AM



“ *Hugs and prayers to all. Richard will be missed!*



Robin Miller - September 11, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Fritts.*



September 11, 2014 at 01:36 PM

LF

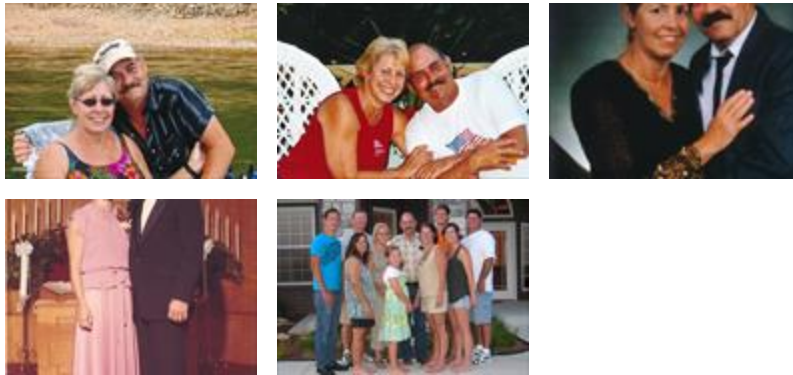
“ Lisa Vines and family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Richard Fritts.



Lisa Vines and family - September 10, 2014 at 10:22 AM

LF

“ 13 files added to the album Richard Fritts - A life well lived



Lisa Fritts - September 10, 2014 at 07:04 AM

LS

“ Lucky & Karen Seyler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Fritts



Lucky & Karen Seyler - September 09, 2014 at 11:31 PM

LS

You will be in our hearts forever, Dick !!!

Lucky & Karen Seyler - September 09, 2014 at 11:33 PM

MS

Prayers and hugs for Aunt Judi, Kevin, Roxanne, Dawn, and Rick, and all the kids. Rest in peace, Uncle Dick.

Mindy Smidt - September 11, 2014 at 05:38 PM

BN

“ *Longtime friend and classmate from Pomona Kansas 1961, most wonderful smile, still with us from heavenly places. B Nelson*

Barb Nelson - September 09, 2014 at 02:06 PM

BN

“ *Barb Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Fritts*



Barb Nelson - September 09, 2014 at 02:02 PM

JF

Thank you, Barb!!!

Judi Fritts - September 09, 2014 at 11:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Fritts.*



September 09, 2014 at 01:57 PM

BW

“ We were friends for many years when Richard had his Mechanic Business, spent a lot of good times at the Eagles Club too. He will always be remembered.

Bonita & Jack Welborn - September 07, 2014 at 04:51 PM

KR

“ Judy and families, We are so sorry to hear of Richards passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Kent and Bonnie Ramsey

Kent And Bonnie Ramsey - September 07, 2014 at 09:08 AM

JH

“ Richard was a dear friend. I will miss him. Dance on Richard. Jerry Hoke (Boot Scooter Dancer).

Jerry Hoke - September 05, 2014 at 05:11 PM

KS

“ When Richard loved you , you knew you were loved! When Richard hugged you, you knew you had been hugged! Heaven received a special angel on Sept 2nd and we will always miss him !! Our love, Lucky & Karen

Karen Seyler - September 05, 2014 at 04:48 PM

BD

“ Richard was a character in every sense of the word and my respect for him as a friend and colleague is impossible to adequately express. He taught me a great deal and I will truly miss his generous spirit.

Bob Dunn - September 05, 2014 at 12:27 PM

RH

“ He was the last of the good guys! He was always a friend and willing to help anyone with a need. I was proud to work with him! He will be missed.....

Rick Huettenmueller - September 04, 2014 at 04:06 PM

ST

“ Words cannot describe how we all feel about Richard's passing. He was a great friend and co-worker. No job was to big or to small. I'll always remember his smile and his great sense of humor. You will be greatly missed my friend.

Susan T.

Susan Teague - September 04, 2014 at 03:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Fritts.



September 04, 2014 at 02:43 PM

BK

“ I loved seeing Richards smile, mustache, cowboy boots and receiving my daily hug. No matter what happened at work he brightened my day and quickly shared a story or joke so we could laugh. You will always have a special place in my heart. Beth K.

Beth K. - September 04, 2014 at 09:04 AM

