



Richard Leslie Jay

April 27, 1957 - December 9, 2023

Richard Leslie Jay, age 66, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Ascension St. John's Jane Phillips Hospital in Bartlesville, Oklahoma surrounded by family.

Richard was born in Caney, KS on April 27, 1957, to Donald Leslie and Geraldine (Wilson) Jay. He attended Copan School and graduated in 1977. While in school he played baseball, was a Cub Scout, a Webelo, a Boy Scout, and participated in FFA. While he was in high school, Richard attended Tri County Tech in Bartlesville to become a machinist.

During summer months while in school, Richard hauled hay and was also employed by Joe Plunk, learning to work on small motors. He learned oilfield work while working for Douglas and Dwayne Anderson. Richard served his country as a member of the United States Army, being stationed in Ft. Polk, LA where he served as a heavy equipment mechanic. Mr. Jay then went to work for Reda Pump and Superior Welding.

In 1980, Richard began working with the Corp of Engineers in Washington Cove clearing trees, marking roads, and laying rock at the boat ramps. He then went to work for Rollins Construction in 1982 laying new water lines for the city of Copan. He did roof work with Walton Roofing and then joined Oilfield Pipe and Supply where he worked as a welder, travelling throughout

the country razing huge oilfield tanks. After twelve years, he went to work for Stevens Pipe in Louisiana building commercial gates and fences.

Health concerns caused Richard to move back home where he worked several jobs out of his shop for his local friends. In his recent years he enjoyed spending time with his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He especially enjoyed watching his three oldest great-nieces participate in basketball and volleyball at Wesleyan Christian School; attending all home games or close to home when his health allowed. He was also active with the Copan Senior Citizens.

The highlight of his working career was living next door to Dwayne Anderson and learning “everything he knew about car engines”.

Richard is survived by his mother, Geraldine Jay of Copan, sister Lorraine Thomas and brother in-law, Warren Thomas of Bartlesville. Nieces, Lindsey Denison (Daniel), Cassie Conner (D'Wayne) of Bartlesville. Nephews, Chase Miller (Kacy), Raymond Thomas (Bailey) and Brodie Thomas (Mikayla) of Bartlesville. Great-nieces and great-nephews, Allie and Lydia Conner, Karis, Judah, Josiah Denison, Clint and Asher Miller, and Aria and Shephard Thomas as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Jay; twin brother, Ronald Jay; brother, Leonard Jay; and grandparents, Leslie and Lutie Jay and Oney and Flora Wilson.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10-8, at the Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. on Thursday, at the Fairview Cemetery, Niotaze, KS with Pastor Greg Buie officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online

condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Niotaze, KS 67355

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fairview Cemetery
Niotaze, KS 67355

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Leslie Jay*



Davis Family Funeral Home - December 13, 2023 at 01:45 PM

PJ

“ *When Richard and I were in high school (soph or Jr. Year) we were Bonnie and Clyde on our football homecoming float. Of course our class won 1st place!*

Pam johnson - December 15, 2023 at 02:41 PM

DP

“ *My heart and thoughts are with the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. Richard was such a warm and inviting person when I had the pleasure of talking with him. I remember his smile when we would meet at family functions. I will miss seeing that smile, but I am happy that is the image I will always remember of him. I hope the memories you have of the fun times, and the laughter you all shared will help with the difficult times. He will be missed.*



Damon Pennington - December 13, 2023 at 12:51 PM

CP

“ *Richard was an amazing person, and such a joy to be around. He was a gentle and fun soul, and I looked forward to seeing him at family get-togethers. I loved talking to him about cars and his work. My twin, Charlette, and I always enjoyed being around him. He loved that we both owned a Camero and Mustang that we could talk about! My heart is broken for Geraldine, Lorraine, and the family. He was a good son, brother and friend to us, and my heart and love is with you all.*



- Charlene Pennington

Charlene Pennington - December 13, 2023 at 12:46 PM