



## Tommy Joe Vargas

September 28, 1964 - March 19, 2025

Tommy Joe Vargas, 60, of Dewey, died Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in Bartlesville. Life dealt Tommy many obstacles and blows but he always came out smiling and most importantly looking cool.

Tommy was born the son of Esteban “Lou” and Dolores Jean (Reid) Vargas on September 28, 1964, in Lawton, Oklahoma. He grew up in Dewey and had a love for motorcycles, cool cars and fishing. His coolness factor was even multiplied exponentially by his martial arts ability and skill with the nunchucks, at least in his younger brother’s eyes. Both Lisa and Esteban recalled that Tommy was always ready to let them tag along wherever he went and they looked up to him. Tommy graduated from Dewey High School with the Class of 1983. He went to Alaska for two years to work and out to Kentucky to work on a tobacco farm, but most importantly to enjoy the outdoors. His mother Jean remembers Tommy mailed her a huge fish that he caught in Alaska in a special freezer package. Most of his years were spent here in Dewey, where he worked various jobs. For 18 years he was married to Phyliss Davis until she passed. Most recently he reconnected with a high school sweetheart Jackie Davis. Jackie shared with Esteban that no man had ever shown her so much love and acceptance. She didn’t know this was even possible.

Tommy was the cool person everyone wanted to be. If you know someone cool, Tommy was in that league. Some say Tommy was cut from the same

cloth as James Dean, Johnny Cash and the Fonz. He was a lady magnet and he still walked with a special swagger. Even in the past few years with all of his health concerns, each and every nurse just adored him. He had a big heart, Tommy opened his humble home to those who needed a hand and he was generous sometimes to a fault. Luckily he had a strong family that always looked after him and loved him dearly. Our prayer is he continues to live his best life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Tommy is survived by his mother Jean Vargas; siblings, Esteban Vargas II and wife Tara, and Lisa Vargas Brown; special friend, Jackie Davis; and a host of other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Lou Vargas; sister, JoLena Jordan and wife Phyliss Davis.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75). Family will receive friends from 6-7. A rosary will be said on Wednesday at 7 p.m., in the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Dewey. Interment will follow in the Dewey Cemetery.

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](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North  
Dewey, OK 74029

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Avenue  
Dewey, OK 74029

## Family and Friends Gathering

MAR 26. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Avenue  
Dewey, OK 74029

## Rosary

MAR 26. 7:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Avenue  
Dewey, OK 74029

## Funeral Mass

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MAR 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
400 W 9th St.  
Dewey, OK 74029

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy Joe Vargas*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - March 26, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JM

*Ol cuz he's up there with the others of our family bet was a big reunion*

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**Jeff Meade** - March 29, 2025 at 11:59 PM

RT

“ It’s hard to grasp how quickly time passes and how easily we lose touch with the friends who once meant so much to us. Tommy was my best friend in high school, and I have so many incredible memories of those days in the ’80s. I knew him and the Vargas family well, as my family lived just a few blocks away.

*Back in high school, Tommy and I spent nearly all our time together. I even got him a job working with me at KOPCO in Caney, KS, where, at just 17 years old, we ran massive printing presses—something that would be unheard of today. From there, we embarked on one of the greatest adventures of our lives. Along with my brother and another friend, we set out on an unforgettable road trip to Alaska. The things we saw, the experiences we had—some probably best left unsaid—were nothing short of incredible for a group of 18-year-olds.*

*In 1984, after spending time exploring Alaska and picking up odd jobs, Tommy decided to return home. That was the last time I saw or spoke to him. I regret not staying in touch. It wasn’t until Facebook came around that I was able to reconnect with so many friends and, in a way, see him again.*

*My deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Tommy. To my best friend from back then—I will forever hold onto the incredible memories we made together. Rest in peace, my friend. Rick D. Teel*

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**Rick D. Teel** - March 27, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ Melissa Sweem lit a candle in memory of Tommy Joe Vargas



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**Melissa Sweem** - March 24, 2025 at 10:55 PM

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“ Robert T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Joe Vargas.

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**Robert T.** - March 24, 2025 at 10:19 PM

CZ

“ Creed, Livie, Zade purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tommy Joe Vargas.



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**Creed, Livie, Zade** - March 24, 2025 at 02:07 PM