



## Billy Ray Clinkenbeard

April 16, 1944 - February 19, 2024

Billy Ray Clinkenbeard of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma died on February 19, 2024 in Muskogee, Oklahoma surrounded by loved ones two months shy of his 80th birthday. Billy Ray was born April 16, 1944 in Fort Gibson, OK to Lloyd and Gladys (Peebles) Clinkenbeard. He was the 10th of the eleven children to survive into adulthood. He attended Fort Gibson schools and graduated in 1963. For most of his adult life, he drove long-haul trucks and “put on more miles going backwards than most people have ever driven forward!” Even though he traveled many miles across the country and spent a lot of time away from Oklahoma, coming across the Arkansas River Bridge meant he was home. Fort Gibson would always be where his heart would reside and where he wanted to live out his life after retirement.

Bill loved the outdoors and enjoyed pheasant hunting, fishing on the “conderosa”, and golf with family and friends. He loved his dog Maggie and missed her until the day he passed, often reliving those hunting trip memories he made with her. Billy Ray loved watching sports particularly football, basketball and golf and was an OU fan.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brothers, Ray, Leroy, Donald Wayne, and Everett Clinkenbeard; and sisters, Lois Palmer, Christine Cawthorne, and Bonnie Rudy. Billy Ray is survived by his wife, Paula; son, Jeffrey Wayne; daughter, Trisha Lynn Cook and her husband, Tom Cook; bonus son, Brandon Dunn and his wife, Amy Dunn; granddaughter Kinsey Cook Clark and her husband, Brandon Clark all of Fort Gibson, OK; granddaughters Emilee Dunn and Abbie Dunn of Modesto, CA; granddaughter Hadley Dunn of Fort Gibson, OK; great-grandson Andrew Dunn, of Modesto, CA. Billy Ray is also survived by his sisters, Pat Berry of Muskogee, OK; Johnnie Sue Hill and husband Bill Hill of Fort Gibson, OK and brother Steve Clinkenbeard and wife Patsy Clinkenbeard of Fort Gibson, OK; nephew Robert Douglas Burt who shared a brother-like relationship his entire life and many other special nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Services will be held at the Clifford D. Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson, OK. There will be a visitation for family and friends on Friday, February 23, 2024 from 4:00 pm

- 7:00 pm. Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 10:00 am with Pastor Dwayne Thompson officiating.

The family of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard has entrusted his care, cremation, and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555

Online condolences may be left for the Clinkenbeard family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Citizens Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Ok

84 S Gladd Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

FEB **23.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Celebration of Life

FEB **24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel  
1224 E Poplar  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ I was saddened to learn that the large, close-knit Clinkenbeard clan lost another beloved brother, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. Countless connections run deep within our small community and he was a part of a very big, loving and hard-working family group within it. Bill was surrounded by generations of relatives and friends, enjoyed years of traveling in and out and throughout this country, soaking up the wonder and beauty of it....surely these contributed to and encouraged huge amounts of fun, interesting stories and life experiences with possibly some generous amounts of good-natured mischief mixed into a truly adventurous, magical life. Like so many close family ties in small towns, it is often the case that many of us feel “nearly related” I wish all of those related and “almost kin” to this incredible man and those who were fortunate enough to have shared time with such a happy-go-lucky guy whose wander-lust moments created what I can only imagine, endless story telling...much peace and joy remembering “the places he went”....may treasured times with him be of great comfort. In loving sympathies,  
Carolyn Cahoon Watts

Carolyn Watts - February 25, 2024 at 12:25 PM

NS

“ Paula we are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Nita Spradlin - February 23, 2024 at 11:09 PM

RS

“ Rex, Tammy, Barbara, and Susie. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard.

Rex, Tammy, Barbara, and Susie. - February 23, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard.



February 23, 2024 at 12:47 PM

MB

“ *Midge Blue lit a candle in memory of Billy Clinkenbeard*



**Midge Blue** - February 23, 2024 at 09:01 AM

SJ

“ *Shelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Billy Clinkenbeard*



**Shelia Johnson** - February 22, 2024 at 02:10 PM

JH

“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Billy Clinkenbeard*



**James Harris** - February 21, 2024 at 10:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard.*



February 21, 2024 at 10:49 AM

JC

“ *Jon and Trisha Cook purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard.*



**Jon and Trisha Cook** - February 21, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard.



February 21, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ Love your son, Ralph & Tonya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard.

Love your son, Ralph & Tonya - February 21, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ Love your son, Ralph & Tonya purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Billy Ray Clinkenbeard.



Love your son, Ralph & Tonya - February 21, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Billy Clinkenbeard



Eunice Brown - February 19, 2024 at 09:20 PM



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Clifford Garrett - February 19, 2024 at 06:32 PM