



## Bradford Lee 'Brad' McDaniel

August 18, 1954 - March 1, 2026

Bradford Lee McDaniel was born on August 18, 1954, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Junior and Juanita McDaniel. He passed away on March 1, 2026.

Brad was a steady presence, a servant at heart, and a man whose faith was stronger than any fear. He knew the Lord, and that faith guided the way he lived quietly, faithfully, and with unwavering strength. He was the anchor of his family, the steady presence when others needed it most.

He is survived by the love of his life, LaRona, with whom he shared 49 beautiful years of marriage and partnership. They built a life rooted in faith, family, laughter, and loyalty. He also leaves behind his daughters and sons-in-law, Lindsey and her husband Pete, and Amy and her husband John. His greatest joy in life was being Gpa to his four favorite people, Daniel, Gatlin, Anna, and Harper.

He was, without question, their number one supporter. Whether it was Nutcracker performances, football games, band halftime shows, or basketball games where he could be found sharing popcorn in the stands, or anything in between, he was there. Always present. Always proud.

He is also survived by his brothers, Sam McDaniel and his wife Carol, and

Tommy McDaniel and his girlfriend Barb Bowman, along with numerous nieces and nephews, countless friends, and so many others who loved him and were blessed to know him.

For many years, Brad was a team roper. During that time, he taught all of us a valuable lesson: "It's always the header's fault." In later years, he traded in his horse and rope for golf clubs. An avid golfer, he cherished his time with the Tuesday golfing group, where he remained competitive and shared many laughs. Brad was also a loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs and never missed an opportunity to share the shortcomings of the Cardinals, especially with his grandson Gatlin.

He loved traveling and seeing the world with LaRona and their friends. Whether it was road trips, exploring new places, or simply being together wherever they went, those experiences brought him great joy. A recent Thanksgiving family cruise even sparked a newfound love of cruising, though opinions may vary on just how much he truly loved it.

After retiring from OI Brockway after 43 years, Brad began a new chapter of service as a proud American Red Cross volunteer. He traveled across the country to assist communities impacted by disasters, offering steady hands and a willing heart wherever he was needed. He also served faithfully in various groups and projects at Boulevard Christian Church and never hesitated to help anyone who asked. He truly embodied what it means to have a servant's heart.

His legacy is one of faith, service, loyalty, and quiet strength. He showed up. He worked hard. He loved deeply. We know without a doubt he was greeted with "Well done, good and faithful servant."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Red

Cross in his honor: In Memory of Brad McDaniel - Fundraising For The American National Red Cross at <https://americanredcross.donordrive.com/campaigns/In-Memory-of-Brad-McDaniel>.

A Celebration of Brad's Life will be held 10 AM, Friday, March 6, 2026, at Boulevard Christian Church with Pastor Steve Moss and Pastor James McCracken officiating.

The family of Bradford Lee McDaniel has entrusted his care, cremation, and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for the McDaniel family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Boulevard Christian Church  
1700 West Shawnee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My family knew Brad during our High School years. Such a sweet guy and fun to be around. Prayers to his family.* ”



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**Beverly Osborne** - March 08 at 06:59 PM

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“ *May God give you Peace & Comfort during this time.* ”



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**Carissa Nichols** - March 05 at 10:14 AM

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“ *Brad was a real standup guy~ He was part of the Muskogee High School Class of 73~ We will miss him.* ”

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**Suzan Guthrie** - March 04 at 03:49 PM