



Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes

July 7, 1976 - July 29, 2023

On July 7, 1976 in Muskogee, OK, a baby boy was born to Joe and Jeanette (Branscum) Karnes. They named him Brian Joe Karnes, also known as 'Bubba' to his family. The Karnes family resided in Fort Gibson where Brian was raised and attended school graduating from Fort Gibson High School with the Class of '94. He furthered his education at Northeastern State University. Brian, a lifelong resident of Fort Gibson, was a devout Christian, incredible father, and son, and the best husband and friend. The love for all his girls was immeasurable. Brian loved his family fiercely with the tenacity his Mom and Dad had shown him. His father, Joe, was his best friend and mentor. He loved his community as he served with the Fort Gibson First Responders and a Volunteer Firefighter, having helped many people, and saved many lives over his 26 years of service. He was a leader among leaders having obtained the rank of Captain on the Fire Dept. Brian loved the beach, any beach. Salt life was his creed and spent many vacations with the sand between his toes. Brian raised tropical plants in his home as a reminder of his favorite place to be. He was University of Oklahoma's biggest fan and attended many OU football games with his family. Brian could also be found outdoors with a fishing pole in hand. He also loved going for jeep rides and taking any family member with him that he could. He worked at OG&E for several years and became part of the OG&E family. Brian was a 32nd degree Mason and member of Blue Lodge #28 in Muskogee. Brian's life was one of positivity. Always smiling, Brian had a gentle spirit, and was always there with an ear to

listen, that he learned from his Dad. He married his best friend, Darci McCoy, on September 26, 2020 in Muskogee. Brian's family was his everything. His end of watch was Saturday, July 29, 2023. Number 211 has completed his tour of duty and now rest in peace.

Brian was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Johnnie Dee Karnes and Carol Louise Karnes-McCool; step-grandfather, Billy McCool, maternal grandparents, I.B. and Elizabeth Marie Branscum; his brother, Luther Joe Karnes; nephew, Kendal Joe Jones; aunt, Peggy Sue Karnes; uncles, Billy Dean Karnes and Billy Glen Arnett; and his cousin, Billy Boyd Arnett. Those left to cherish Brian's memories are his wife, Darci Karnes of the home; daughters, Lauren McKinley Hammond and her husband Timothy of Choctaw, Brenley Paige Karnes, Tatym Blaklee Karnes, and Saylor Jo-Lynette Karnes, all of Fort Gibson; parents, Wanda Jeanette Karnes and Luther M. Joe Karnes of Fort Gibson; sisters, Jodie Marie Jones and her husband Jeff of Fort Gibson and Jonie Dee Landers and her husband Jeremy of Fort Gibson; nieces, Brooklin Jayde Landers, Ashtyn Elizabeth Jones, and Alexis Noelle Jones, all of Fort Gibson; nephews, Cameron Thomas Jones of Oklahoma City, Connor Allen Landers, Dallas Cohl Landers, and Wyatt Andrew Jones, all of Fort Gibson; extended family, as well as many first responders, firefighters, and friends.

In honor of Brian, the family requests OU attire or bright beach going clothing and flip flops at his service.

Brian's Celebration of Life will be held 10AM, Saturday, August 5, 2023 at the Fort Gibson Church of Christ with Randy Strickland officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Joe Karnes, Jeff Dortch, Jeff Jones, Darren Perry, Matt Lott, Jon Baldwin, Trent Sharp, and Timothy Hammond serving as casket bearers. Alec McCoy, Wyatt Jones, Cameron Jones, Jeremy Landers, Connor Landers, and Dallas Landers will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Brian Joe Karnes has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for Brian's family at
clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Ok

84 S Gladd Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson Church of Christ
806 S Lee
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *May he fly high with the Angels, Joe and Jeanette I'm so very sorry for your loss.....Sharon Asher Harris*

Sharon Harris - August 06, 2023 at 02:16 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.*



August 04, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.*

August 04, 2023 at 09:52 AM

CW

“ It is my heartfelt wish to extend abundant love and peaceful comfort to family and friends of Brian. I did not have the pleasure of knowing this incredible young man, but I grew up with his parents/grandparents in the small village of extended family/friends that surrounded us. I also painfully remember the intense grief and loss of my brother taken quickly and much too soon, many years ago. Watching my mother, throughout the years keep him alive in spirit, often sharing his poetry and memories of him while countless others willingly shared their stories of his life helped to soothe some of the pain and taught me much about loss. I know for sure that the “story-telling” of Brian’s remarkable life will continue providing comfort and joy to those who loved him and now are trying to find paths forward without him. There will always be much to celebrate about your beloved Brian who loved, inspired, encouraged and assisted others with his not long enough, yet so well-lived life. So very sorry for your loss of him. Carolyn Cahoon Watts

Carolyn Watts - August 03, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.



August 03, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.

August 03, 2023 at 12:52 PM

LA

“ Love, Aunt M, Uncle Trey, Parker & Avery purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.



Love, Aunt M, Uncle Trey, Parker & Avery - August 03, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.



August 02, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Brian Joe Karnes.

August 02, 2023 at 01:14 PM

BB

“ *Brenda and Don Baldwin* purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.



Brenda and Don Baldwin - August 02, 2023 at 01:02 PM

BB

“ Brenda and Don Baldwin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Joe Karnes.

Brenda and Don Baldwin - August 02, 2023 at 01:02 PM

EB

“ Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes



Eunice Brown - August 02, 2023 at 09:51 AM

SC

“ Sandra Conn lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes



Sandra Smith Conn - August 02, 2023 at 07:03 AM

JA

“ Judy Ayers lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes



Judy Ayers - August 02, 2023 at 01:27 AM

TA

“ Teresa Ayers lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes



Teresa Ayers - August 02, 2023 at 01:26 AM

NW

“ Darci and I attended and graduated from TCC as Interpreters/Transliterators. During the many class and study hours together, she shared about her budding romance with Brian. He hung the moon for her. It was a beautiful thing to watch blossom into love then marriage then their love became personified in Saylor. It is unbelievable that he has been taken so soon. Our prayers are with you, Darci, and the girls. May God hold you very close and shield you from this overwhelming you all. We love you so much!

Nikki Wallace - August 01, 2023 at 11:33 PM

JK

Thank you so much for your support and thoughtful kind words

joe karnes - August 03, 2023 at 03:29 PM

JH

“ James Harris lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes



James Harris - August 01, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.*



August 01, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *The Denzel Thomas Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.*



The Denzel Thomas Family - August 01, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ *I'll sure miss you my brother, you were loved by many, until we meet again buddy, love ya bro.....*

Billy Torix - August 01, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes*



Stephanie R Keeton - August 01, 2023 at 03:04 PM

SJ

“ *Shelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes*



Shelia Johnson - August 01, 2023 at 09:04 AM

KP

“ *Love and prayers.Imogene Seals and Kathy Price Family.*



Kathy Price - August 01, 2023 at 08:54 AM

JS

“ *Janie Richard Slader lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes*



Janie and Richard Slader - July 31, 2023 at 11:15 PM

JD

“ *Brian was a good kid and a hard, our prayers are with Joe and the family, He will be missed.*

James and Pat Dause - July 31, 2023 at 08:27 PM



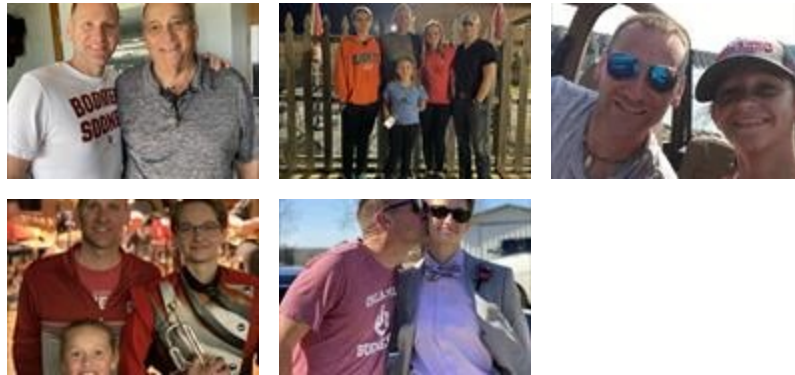
“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.*



July 31, 2023 at 04:34 PM



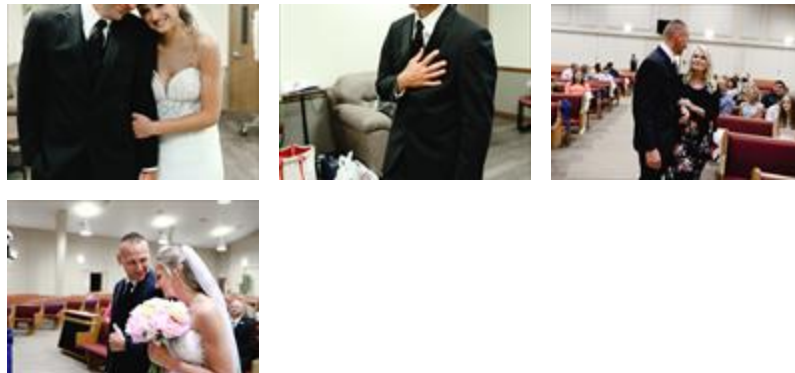
“ *9 files added to the tribute wall*



brenley karnes - July 31, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Brian & Lauren*



Joe - July 31, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JW

“ *Jeanine West lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes*



Jeanine West - July 31, 2023 at 11:18 AM

LF

“ *Lisa Frazier lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes*



Lisa Fraizer - July 31, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Joe 'Bubba' Karnes.*



July 31, 2023 at 10:19 AM

BH

“ *Berry Beverly Harris lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes*



Berry and Beverly Harris - July 31, 2023 at 08:35 AM

JP

“ Joy Parker lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes



Joy Parker - July 30, 2023 at 10:35 PM

BW

“ Bridget Watson lit a candle in memory of Brian Karnes



Bridget Watson - July 30, 2023 at 04:09 PM