



Buddy Donald Graves

August 4, 1947 - June 5, 2025

Buddy Donald Graves, 77, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Born August 4, 1947, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to George and Lou Ella (Fowler) Graves, Buddy's life was a testament to unwavering dedication, hard work, and the profound love he shared with his family.

His early years instilled in him a strong work ethic forged through perseverance alongside his mother and siblings, working the fields following his father's illness. This foundation shaped his successful career as a welder, a profession in which he took immense pride, not just for the skill, but for the ability to provide for his loved ones. He found his life partner and soulmate, Nancy Allison Graves, whom he married on July 4, 1985, and together they built a lifetime of cherished memories. They were married at Nancy's mother's apartment; it was a very happy occasion. He wore a blue tuxedo, and Nancy wore an off-white wedding dress.

Beyond his professional life, Buddy found joy in simple pleasures: the thrill of fishing and hunting, the relaxation of a classic Western film, and most especially, the warmth of sharing meals with family. An exceptional cook, he delighted in hosting gatherings, strengthening bonds and creating lasting memories for those he loved. His family was his world; he leaves behind a legacy of unconditional love and unwavering support, deeply treasured by his children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His happiest moments were spent surrounded by those he held dear.

Buddy is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy Allison Graves, of the home; sister, Burni Lee of Muskogee, OK; step-sons Lloyd Boswell and wife Angela of Muskogee, OK, Kenneth Carter of Muskogee, OK, and Waylin Boswell of Muskogee, OK; grandsons, Maximus Thompson, Memphis Thompson, and Ryan Boswell, all of Muskogee, OK; and granddaughter, Paris Boswell, also of Muskogee, OK. He is reunited with his parents, two sisters, two daughters, and one son.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM at Clifford D. Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel in Muskogee. A celebration of Buddy's life will follow at 12:00 PM in the funeral home chapel, with Pastor Mike Hart officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery, with casket bearers Paris Boswell, Ryan Boswell, Lloyd Boswell, and Kenneth Carter. David Lee and Mike Lee will serve as honorary casket bearers.

The family of Buddy Donald Graves has entrusted his care, service, and burial to Clifford D. Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee. 918-910-8883. Condolences may be offered online at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N York
Muskogee, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel
1020 W Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Oh, my angel
Come back to me
And I will love you
'Til eternity*



Paris - June 08, 2025 at 04:46 AM

PA

“ *Paris lit a candle in memory of Buddy Graves*



Paris - June 08, 2025 at 03:49 AM

PA

“ *Memory's are all we have so keep them deep in your heart*



Paris - June 08, 2025 at 03:12 AM

DB

*Peace with the love of the Heavenly Father
You well always be missed by Family*

Dovie Brown - June 12, 2025 at 02:05 AM

DB

*To Be Absent from the Body
IS To Be Present With The Lord Jesus*

Dovie Brown - June 12, 2025 at 02:07 AM

PB

“ *Paris boswell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Buddy Donald Graves.*



Paris boswell - June 08, 2025 at 01:18 AM

PB

“ Paris boswell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buddy Donald Graves.

Paris boswell - June 08, 2025 at 01:18 AM