



## Connie D. Amerson

July 25, 1952 - November 30, 2024

Connie Amerson, 72, beloved firefighter, master mechanic, and devoted family man, passed away on November 30, 2024. Born July 25, 1952 in Corcoran, CA, Connie lived most of his life in Muskogee and Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, where he made an everlasting impact on his community through his courage, kindness, and dedication to service.

A proud graduate of the Class of 1971, Connie began his career at Corning Glass before finding his true calling as a firefighter. For 33 ½ years, he served with unwavering bravery and determination as a firefighter and mechanic for the Muskogee Fire Department, retiring in 2012. Known for his easy demeanor and incredible work ethic, Connie became a cherished member of IAFF Local 57, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

Connie's passions extended far beyond the firehouse. He met the love of his life, Susan Tickel and they were married April 11, 1986, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the beginning of 38 years of family, love, and memories. He had a deep appreciation for the outdoors, a fondness for traveling, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren who brought him endless joy. A car enthusiast, Connie rebuilt numerous classic cars, including his prize-winning 1972 "The Pumpkin." His favorite car, his beloved Dodge Challenger, was affectionately named "Precious." His craftsmanship and love for old cars were matched only by his love for a great-sounding stereo, a passion he shared with his daughters during countless road trips filled with music and laughter.

At home, Connie was a devoted husband to Susan, a loving father, and a proud Papa. Known for his “special love pats” and quiet gestures of affection, he created a home filled with love, warmth, and unforgettable memories. His faith in God became the cornerstone of his life, and he lived out the greatest commandments: to love God and to love others.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Connie will be remembered for his kind heart, his contagious laugh, and his unwavering commitment to helping others. His legacy of service, love, and faith will continue to inspire those who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Lavella Hughart; granddaughter, Robin Page; father-in-law, Gene Tickel and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Those left to cherish Connie’s memory are his wife, Susan of Muskogee; daughters, Karrie Couch and husband Bobby of Owasso, OK, Angela McCoy of Muskogee, OK, and Shonda Nicodin and husband Earl of Muskogee, OK; grandchildren, Hayden Russell, Mason McCoy, Reagen McCoy, Talen McCoy, Morgan Page; brother, Gary Hughart and wife Sue of Checotah, OK; sister, Linda White and husband Gil of Shawnee, OK; mother-in-law, Delores Tickel of Muskogee, OK; brother-in-law, Mike Tickel and wife Pam of Muskogee, OK; special former son-in-law, Shawn McCoy of Tulsa, OK; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to CompleteOK Hospice Care for the exceptional care and compassion shown to them during such a difficult time. They are grateful and will always remember the difference CompleteOK Hospice Care made by giving above and beyond in every way. A visitation where the family will be receiving friends will be held Friday, December 6, 2024, from 5PM - 7PM at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Muskogee, OK.

A celebration of Connie's life will be held 11AM Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel in Muskogee, OK with Brother Justin Kinman officiating.

The family of Connie D. Amerson has entrusted his care, service and cremation to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Muskogee. 918-910-8883.

Online condolences may be left for Connie's family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory (Muskogee)  
1020 West Okmulgee Ave  
Muskogee, OK 74401  
(918) 910-8883

## Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

BY

“*Connie was friend I had for a long time. We ran together when we got out of school. When I was home on leave from the Military guess who hook up and hit the streets. Running around all night long I will greatly miss him. My fire fighter brother I Love you and will never forget you.*”

Byron - December 06, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Connie D. Amerson.*”



December 05, 2024 at 10:13 PM

RF

“*Rhonda Fletcher and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Connie D. Amerson.*”



Rhonda Fletcher and family - December 05, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SF

“*Stan & Jan Foster purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Connie D. Amerson.*”



Stan & Jan Foster - December 05, 2024 at 01:34 PM

PH

“ *Patty Heaton purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Connie D. Amerson.*



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**Patty Heaton** - December 04, 2024 at 10:45 PM

PH

“ *Patty Heaton planted a [/store/Product.aspx?  
ProductId=4518](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) Memorial Tree* in honor of Connie D.  
*Amerson.*

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**Patty Heaton** - December 04, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ Susan, Karrie, Angela, and Families,

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences regarding the passing of Connie. He consistently radiated warmth and kindness, engaging with everyone he met in a manner that exemplified respect. Whether he was providing solace to family and friends at a funeral service or brightening someone's day with fresh flowers, his compassion was always evident. In his role as a firefighter, Connie demonstrated remarkable dedication and perseverance, qualities that remained a defining aspect of his character throughout his life. His affection for his family, especially his grandchildren, was apparent, always proud of their accomplishments. Connie's generosity knew no bounds, positively impacting countless individuals who were fortunate enough to know him. We cherish the time spent with Connie and always enjoyed discussing cars, especially "Precious", his beloved Dodge Challenger R/T Scat Pack. Connie's legacy of kindness and commitment to others will undoubtedly continue to resonate within the community he touched and will forever be remembered by the Garrett Family.*

*With Warmest Sympathy,*

*Cliff, Carmen, Camryn, and Carson Garrett*

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**Clifford Garrett** - December 03, 2024 at 03:49 PM

SA

*I want to Thank You for everything. Every detail was met. I couldn't have asked for a more beautiful tribute to Connie, he would have been very proud. Thank you and I love all of you.*

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**Susan Amerson** - December 10, 2024 at 07:19 AM



“ Clifford Garrett lit a candle in memory of Connie D. Amerson



Clifford Garrett - December 03, 2024 at 03:48 PM

AJ

“ Many of days and nights at the fire Station with Connie

Alan Jones - December 03, 2024 at 07:24 AM

SA

“ Connie’s most favorite car “Precious”



Susan Amerson - December 03, 2024 at 07:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Connie D. Amerson.



December 02, 2024 at 10:26 PM

LW

“ My big brother will be missed beyond measure. We used to wrestle over which cartoon to watch, all three of us. Then both boys would gang up on me in a tickling session. He was truly our older brother with character we could look up to and strive towards and also learn what not to do to keep Mama happy. I love you and will miss you brother.

Linda L. White - December 02, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Connie D. Amerson.



December 02, 2024 at 09:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie D. Amerson.

December 02, 2024 at 09:01 PM

BH

“ What a wonderful man, he was the guy that had the kindness we all strive to have but few can accomplish. I enjoyed working with him and will miss his smiling face.

Berry Harris - December 02, 2024 at 07:17 PM

AM

“ I had the privilege to work with Connie at Bebbs Flowers and he was the kindest sweet person always ready to help with a friendly smile! Connie you will be missed by many! 💜🙏

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**Angelina Moreno** - December 02, 2024 at 12:19 PM

JK

“ Connie was one of the most remarkable people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. His strength, humor, and kindness made him a true example of what it means to live life with purpose and heart. I'll forever cherish the time I spent with him, the laughter we shared, and the lessons he taught me, both through his words and the way he lived. He wasn't just a friend; he was like a brother to me, and his presence made every moment richer. And Susan... what a beautiful soul she is. Her love and devotion to Connie, her warmth, and her friendship have been such a blessing in my life. Together, they've been like family to me, a source of love, support, and joy. My heart overflows with gratitude for the bond we shared, and my love for both of them is boundless.

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**Justin Kinman** - December 02, 2024 at 10:13 AM

SA

“ January 15, 1979 ~ July 1, 2012



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**Susan Amerson** - December 02, 2024 at 09:54 AM

KC

“ You were the best dad and best Papa to my son. I know you are celebrating in Heaven, while we mourn the loss of you here on Earth. I'm so happy that your pain is over. You fought a good fight. You are the bravest, kindest, and most gentle man. You were easy to love, and touched the lives of so many people. We are all better just having known you. Rest easy now, and be waiting on us when we get there. I'll love you and miss you forever, until we meet again.  
Love, Karrie

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**Karrie Couch** - December 01, 2024 at 06:07 AM

RC

I had the Honor of working with Connie for many years at the Fire Department, he was my friend and brother. After our retirements we spent almost every Monday with our Retired group for lunch. We've all said you can count on 1 hand in your entire life the people you meet like Connie Amerson, but that's not accurate it's 1 finger! We will miss you brother.

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**Roger Carter** - December 02, 2024 at 05:19 PM