



Dennis Gordon Crittenden

April 4, 1949 - October 24, 2025

Dennis Gordon Crittenden, 76, of Fort Gibson, born April 4, 1949, to Elmer Gordon and Pearl Pauline Crittenden in Blackwell, Oklahoma. He passed from this life on October 24, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Dennis was an amazing man, devoted husband, proud father, beloved grandfather, and faithful friend. He married the love of his life, Becky, on February 12, 1971, in Blanchard, Oklahoma, and together they shared over 54 years filled with love, laughter, and family.

A proud Veteran, Dennis served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, achieving the rank of SP5 before his discharge in 1970. His sense of duty and patriotism never faded, and he continued to support fellow veterans through his longtime membership in the Frank Gladd American Legion Post 20 of Fort Gibson.

Dennis built a remarkable career with AT&T/Southwestern Bell, where he worked in telecommunications for 37 years before retiring in 2009. During retirement, he was a hardworking, dependable man who took pride in every task he set his hands to by sharing his knowledge and skills to help others. Outside of work, Dennis lived a life full of purpose and joy. He was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Gibson and was known for his gentle spirit, humor, and generosity. Dennis loved God, his family, and especially his three granddaughters. His many hobbies reflected his creative and industrious nature: woodworking, leather tooling, barbecuing, gardening, tinkering with cars and motorcycles, and participating in American Legion

activities. He was happiest when working with his hands or spending time outdoors, especially when surrounded by those he loved.

Dennis will be remembered as a man of integrity, faith, and quiet strength. A man who served his country, worked hard, loved deeply, and lived humbly. His legacy of love, craftsmanship, and service will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Dennis is survived by his devoted wife, Becky, of the home; son, Eric and wife Jennifer Crittenden of Morrison, Colorado; son, Bryan and wife Erynn Crittenden of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; granddaughters, Kayla and Brittany Crittenden of Morrison, and Emma Crittenden of Tahlequah; brother, Danny and wife Wanda Crittenden of Salina, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews who will always cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Barbara Sandborn; and his son, Brent Crittenden.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to American Legion Post 20 or the Trail of Honor at <https://tohflags.org/donations> to honor Dennis's life and legacy.

Viewing for Dennis will be 11AM-5PM, Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A celebration of life will be held 2PM, Thursday, October 30, 2025, at the First Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma with Brother Tommy Honeycutt officiating. Jarrod Lee, Logan Lee, Christopher Wise, Seth O'Neal, Michael Duke, and Ryan Duke will serve as casket bearers.

A committal service will follow at Citizens Cemetery, Fort Gibson, where military honors rendered by Frank Gladd American Legion Post 20 of Fort Gibson will be observed.

The family of Dennis Gordon Crittenden entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

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

Cemetery Details

Citizens Cemetery

Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **29**. 11:00 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

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Free Will Baptist Church
1487 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Becky my prayers are with you and your family. God bless you everyday through this difficult time* ❤️

Cathy Fryar - November 05, 2025 at 09:42 AM

TS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of our cousins at this difficult time.
May the love of your family comfort you.*

The Smiesheks - November 01, 2025 at 08:22 AM

AH

“ *Alexandria H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Gordon Crittenden.*



Alexandria H. - October 29, 2025 at 11:31 AM

FF

“ *From your Information Technology Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Gordon Crittenden.*

From your Information Technology Family - October 28, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ From your Information Technology Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Dennis Gordon Crittenden.



From your Information Technology Family - October 28, 2025 at 04:48 PM

SP

“ I had many fun double dates with Dennis and my good friend Joyce and my boyfriend at the time while we were in high school. Dennis was definitely one of the good guys in school. He will be missed by us all. Hugs and prayers to his family. Sharla

Sharla Penick - October 28, 2025 at 02:26 PM

DC

“ Throughout the various stages of my life, Dennis offered advice/suggestions as I imagined a loving Big Brother would. Dennis was influential in many of my life decisions. With unmeasurable love he devoted his life to family!!
Danny C.

Danny Crittenden - October 27, 2025 at 10:39 AM

SW

“ Uncle Dennis you are going to be missed so much by all of us. I have several memories that i will hold dear in my heart. I know we didnt visit alot but you were always there for my phone calls to get advice on important matters. Thanks for being my uncle. Until we meet again. Love you,

your niece Sherri Lynn

Sherri Wood - October 26, 2025 at 09:45 AM