



Dennis Howard Garrison O.D.

August 27, 1958 - November 26, 2019

Dennis Howard Garrison O.D. 61, of Fort Gibson, OK was born August 27, 1958 in Muskogee, OK to Dennis and Helen (Howard) Garrison and peacefully passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in Tulsa, OK with his loving family by his side.

Dennis resided in Tahlequah OK while attending Northeastern College of Optometry and moved to Fort Gibson where he owned and operated his Optometry practice for 34 years from 1985 to present.

He married the love of his life, Melissa Katherine Bell on August 27, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dennis was a member of the America Optometric Association. He was always charitable at giving to the community, such as giving free eye exams for children. Children were very close to his heart.

He had a love for sail boating, gunsmithing, shooting his guns and cars. He enjoyed working out and living a healthy lifestyle. His dream for retirement was to spend time with Melissa sailing the world in a new sailboat, especially the tropical regions.

Dennis was very proud to be a member of the Cherokee Tribe.

He is lovingly survived by his wife Melissa of the home and his beloved cat Sadie; his mother, Helen Garrison; brother, William Garrison; nephew, Wesley Garrison; extended family, Roma Carty, Jennifer and Dylan Hunter, Pam and Gary Rains, Jodie Stewart, Stephen and Casey Stewart, Tim and Sarah Battenfield, Russell and Ginger Thouvenel, Tim and Danisha Thouvenel,

David and Julie Sevier, Joey and Theresa Leep, Darren Leep, Andy and Wendy Leep, Lisa Leep, Jim Hunzeker, Rusty Hunzeker, David Hunzeker and Sam and Jaime Dobbins.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father.

Viewing for Dennis will be from 12PM-5PM Tuesday, November 3, 2019 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK.

A Celebration of Dennis' Life will be 7PM Tuesday, November 3, 2019 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel, Fort Gibson, OK.

Dennis' wishes were that his final resting place be at sea after a final sailboat ride. His family will be honoring his wishes with scattering of his ashes at a later date.

The family of Dr. Dennis Howard Garrison has entrusted his care, cremation and services to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 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

DEC 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Howard Garrison O.D.*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Lori Clayton lit a candle in memory of Dennis Howard Garrison O.D.*

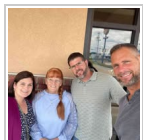


Lori Clayton - November 03, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ *Wow. It's been two years since my last eyeball check up. Kept calling the office number and kept getting a disconnected message. I'm so sad to learn that Doc isn't with us anymore. He was the best eye doctor I've ever had. Very patient, even when my eyeballs kept watering up. I never felt uncomfortable with him as I have with other eye doctors. So sorry to hear of his loss.*

Lori Clayton - November 03, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Dr. Garrett was the best doctor I have ever had regarding my eyes and was very personable! He can't be replaced. My heart goes out to family. I want him to know that he was right about my eyes. He said I had bleeding behind my eyes and the specialist that he sent me to could not find it. I was not able to tell him that he was right because I went to another specialist just recently and they found bleeding behind both eyes. I want his family to know that I appreciate them and the staff and I am so sorry for your loss.*

Brenda Markcum Gerred - December 31, 2019 at 02:02 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Getred lit a candle in memory of Dennis Howard Garrison O.D.*



Brenda Getred - December 31, 2019 at 01:59 PM

MR

“ *Dennis was a genuinely kind and caring person. He always had a smile on his face , it was infectious. We will miss all the good conversations he had with us , whether it was a good place to eat or a boat ride he had just had, he was always enthusiastic about everything. What a great person he was and a fantastic doctor. His caring nature really shined when he was with his patients!*

Mike and Kelli Reese - December 03, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Howard Garrison O.D..*



December 02, 2019 at 02:20 PM

KR

“ *Kristi,Nicole,Sara,Kara,Kristen,Candace,Crystal purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Dennis Howard Garrison O.D..*



Kristi,Nicole,Sara,Kara,Kristen,Candace,Crystal - December 02, 2019 at 12:13 PM



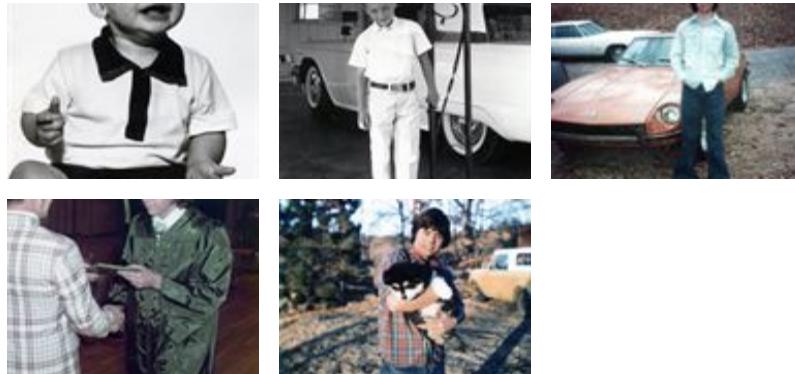
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Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - December 01, 2019 at 05:38 PM



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Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home - November 30, 2019 at 12:31 PM

WG

“ *My Uncle Dennis was a great man. He was an excellent eye doctor and knowledgeable about every eye disease and disorder. He was also a very good person, and cared about our family. I will miss his long conversations and going boating with him. But I also know he went to Heaven, and he is with his father and his grandparents.*

William Garrison - November 29, 2019 at 08:17 PM

HG

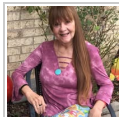
“ *My heart is broken. Just one week ago tonight you came to the hospital to visit me after I got my pacemaker. You were so sweet and we talked for over a hour about everything. When you were leaving you said "Mom, I love you so much." and we hugged each other. You looked so good and seemed to feel good. My first born and I am so happy of your accomplishments. Love you so much.
Mom*

Helen Garrison - November 29, 2019 at 07:54 PM

KH

Kathy Haddock. Dennis was one of my oldest friends. He was always a friend to everyone. I will miss him so much.

Kathy Haddock - November 29, 2019 at 10:08 PM



It was awesome to see my other family today and so sorry Wesley I missed seeing you and Hope & Pray you got my gifts~~LYF

Stephanie Hill-Trotter - December 03, 2019 at 11:37 PM