



## Gary Eugene Lietke

March 7, 1954 - January 17, 2023

Gary Eugene Lietke was born March 7, 1954, in Akron, Ohio to Clyde Edward Lietke and Eunice Montene (King) Lietke and peacefully passed away, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the age of 68 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Gary was raised in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio where he graduated high school. After high school, Gary enlisted in the United States Army on April 30, 1971, and faithfully served his Country until April 9, 1977. While serving, Gary was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Gary wore many hats, he was a Deputy Sheriff in Navajo County, Arizona for over 11 years, he was a police training instructor, firearms instructor for Cadets going through the police academy, and a Certified Electrician. He was a huge Oklahoma Sooner fan and an avid pool player. Gary loved to camp and could fix anything that was broken. One of his greatest passions was rebuilding his trucks. He will be missed by all that loved and knew him.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Eunice Lietke; and his sister, Shelley Gail Ivers.

Gary is lovingly survived by his daughters, Sherry Willis and husband, Briant of Perkins, OK; Amy Wilson and husband, Allen of Doylestown, OH; Lisa Dawson of Canton, OH; Chris Polzin and husband, Layne of Fort Gibson, OK; Son, Scott Lietke and wife Dawn of Medina, OH. Granddaughters - Caroline Howell of Massillon, OH; Kylie Dawson of Canal Fulton, OH; Cassie Dawson of Doylestown, OH; Delaney Wilson of Wooster OH; Taya Parham of Stillwater, OK; Nia Polzin of Fayetteville, AK; Shelby Lietke of Louisville OH.

Grandsons - Travis Willis of Stillwater, OK; Connor Dawson of Doylestown, OH; Reece Wilson of Wooster OH; David Dawson of Canal Fulton, OH; Tyler Parham of Phoenix Arizona; Michael Lietke of Massillon OH; Keaton Lietke of Hartville OH; Brandon Best of Maplesville Alabama; JT Rowan of Medina OH. Great Granddaughters - Addy Howell, Ellie Howell and Hudson Howell of Massillon OH. Great Grandson, Caleb Dawson-Jordan of Canal Fulton OH. Siblings - Darlene Henry and husband, Joe; Faunda Fletcher and husband, Mike; Robin Lench and husband, Vernon; Dale Lietke and wife, Becky; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family; and many friends.

A viewing for Gary will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 12PM-7PM at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. Gary's visitation with family receiving friends will be 12PM-2PM Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson. Immediately following visitation, the local chapter of Patriot Guard Riders will escort a processional of family and friends to the Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion in Fort Gibson where a celebration of Gary's life will begin at 2:30PM Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Brother Justin Kinman will officiate the ceremony. Nathan Lench, Hayden Lench, Connor Dawson, David Cornelius, Briant Willis, Travis Willis, Layne Polzin, and Dale Lietke will serve as casket bearers. Military honors will be observed.

The family of Gary Eugene Lietke 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 the family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 24. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

JAN 25. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

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JAN **25**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Tribute Wall

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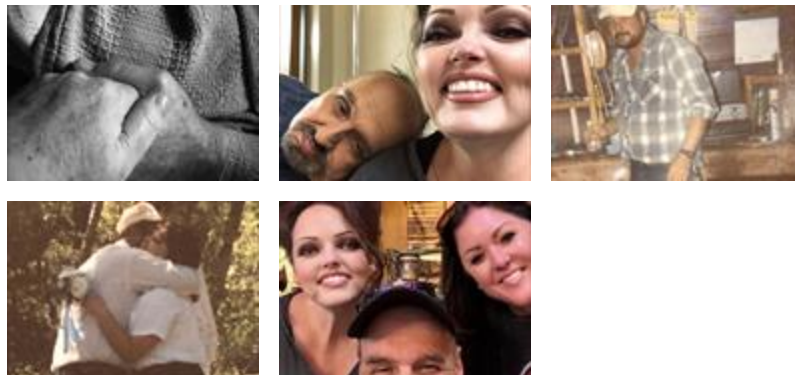
“ *My Dad.... ❤️ There just aren't any words, yet so many things still left to say. So many memories and I'm thankful for them all. He was always there for everything. The good times and bad, the tears, the weddings and funerals, the holidays, the grand babies, all the fights and all the laughs.*

*My Dad really had a huge heart. He lived life his way and on his own terms. His personality would never allow him to do it any differently.*

*Our family dynamic has definitely changed and we can feel the shift everyday. We all depended on him for so much. He could fix anything and would stop everything in a moments notice to help us. He always had an opinion and was full of advice, wether it was about boyfriends in high school or a lengthy lecture explaining why we shouldn't race our cars over speed bumps.*

*I love my Dad and I'm going to miss him so much.*

*XOXOXO*



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**Sherry Willus** - February 15, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ *Gary Eugene Lietke*

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January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

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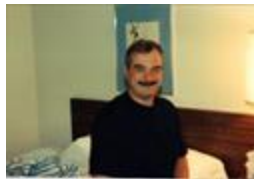
“ I will always remember how important Uncle Gary made us feel when we were around him. He was never short on compliments, and always full of laughter and good times. I will miss his beautiful spirit everyday! ❤️



Lauren - January 25, 2023 at 12:52 AM

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“ The thing I love most about my Uncle Gary is that he always had a smile on his face. It was hard to find a picture or recall a memory where he wasn't smiling. On top of that, he always gave everyone the giggles with his contagious laugh and sense of humor. I can only imagine his beaming smile, now that he has made it to heaven. I love you Uncle Gary.



Allix Burtrum - January 23, 2023 at 05:48 PM

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“ *A perfect moment and beautiful memory!*”



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**Amy Wilson** - January 23, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Gary Eugene Lietke.*”



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January 22, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Eugene Lietke.*”



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January 20, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Eugene Lietke.*”



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January 19, 2023 at 08:28 PM

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“ *I worked with Gary for the first half of my career at Navajo County. Anytime you worked with Gary was an adventure. Never a dull moment. Always a story or a joke. He was a cops cop and a good friend. RIP Gary, you will always be remembered by me. Glad I was able to see you one last time in 2016. That group picture means more now than we imagined.*

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**Paul Albert, Sergeant (retired), NCSO** - January 19, 2023 at 06:39 PM