



Gordon Burnell Short

October 8, 1938 - March 28, 2019

Mr. Gordon Burnell Short passed from this life into the next on Thursday, March 28, 2019 in Claremore, OK. Gordon was born October 8, 1938 to Gordon B. Short and Mary Virginia (Maxwell) Short in St. Louis, MO. After graduating from Central High School in Tulsa, OK, Gordon joined the U.S. Navy, leaving the service as a Naval Air Corp Airman E-3. He later attended Cal State Poly where he earned his Bachelor of Science with a major in city and regional planning. Gordon served as a city planner for Paso Robles, CA for several years.

Gordon met the love of his life while living in California. He married Barbara Glavin in 1974. Together they raised her three children, whom Gordon loved very much. Gordon was especially devoted to his step-son, Robbie, who has Downs Syndrome, encouraging Robbie to learn to care for himself and be helpful to others, and eventually be able to live a successful life in a group home. Gordon devoted his life to caring for Barbara until she passed away. Gordon learned to ride horses at a young age which grew into a love of riding motorcycles. Gordon was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was an avid model train collector. Although a man of meager means, Gordon was known to actually have given the shirt off of his back to others in need. He was a man who did not see the color of someone's skin, but rather the content of one's character and heart instead. Gordon loved animals, especially his little dog, Dominic. Having the IQ of a genius, Gordon also enjoyed computers and intellectual conversations with other like-minded people. He was also a tutor

to several young men, helping them successfully master physics and calculus, enabling them to graduate. He also had his vices – Dr. Pepper, pizza, listening to music, watching his favorite television shows, and driving fast. His favorite quote is that of Patrick Henry, “Give me liberty, or give me death.” Gordon was the ultimate hippie.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Short; his parents, Gordon and Mary Virginia Short; his brother-in-law, Robert “Lee Roy” Baldrige; dear aunt, Dorris Maxwell; special cousin, Bill Gallatin; one great-nephew, Matthew J.J. Baldrige; and two great-great-nephews, Matthew C.A. and Layton Baldrige.

Gordon is survived by his sisters, Virginia Baldrige of Tulsa, OK and Mary Ann Rogers of Plano, TX; step-daughter Linda (Jim) Hayden of Colorado; step-sons Robbie Glavin of Paramount, CA; John (Laurie) Glavin and daughters Heather and Nicole of Norco, CA; his 3 step-grandchildren, Courtney, Devin, and Anthony; his nieces, Ginger and Heather Rogers of Plano, TX; nephews, Damon (Lisa) Baldrige of Sapulpa, OK; Greg (Diane) Baldrige of Tulsa, OK; Chris (Tonya) Baldrige of Collinsville, OK; great-niece, Tonukkah Baldrige and children (Anikah, Lucaya, Nicollette, and JaReez) of Fort Meade, MD; great-nephews Joshua (Sarah) Baldrige and children (Alexis and Aiden) of St. Louis, MO, and Padon Baldrige of Collinsville, OK; great-nephews and great-niece: Dakota, Dylan and Harley Rose Baldrige of Tulsa, OK; special cousin, Sondra Gail Gallatin of Cedar Rapids, IA; special family friends, Pat and Eddy Davis of Tulsa, OK, as well as several dear cousins.

A memorial service celebrating Gordon’s life will be held 2PM Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion, Fort Gibson, OK with Pastor Carolyn Spencer officiating.

The family of Gordon Burnell Short has entrusted his service, cremation and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Cremation Service. 918-478-2555

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Burnell Short*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



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Mary Ann Rogers - March 30, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *When I met Burney for the 1st time we just hit it off like we had known each other forever I noticed that the others didn't quit understand him or wanted to argue with him but we bonded real quick When he met my son Lance they got a long just as fast and Burney would always ask how he was doing and Lance would take time out of his day to come talk with Burney and come help mow his yard On a Sunday I went to Mathis Brothers to buy him a new recliner I had bought 2 of the same but he said he didn't like it because he couldn't reach the handle but he didn't want it till I told him that my son gave it to him so Burney said since Lance gave it to him he could get him a different one that was a little bit smaller and I thought how do I take it back after he had it a couple of days so I took the one still in the box back and traded out to a different chair he never sat in it but the dog sure enjoyed it but that was ok*



lisa deartington - March 29, 2019 at 12:46 AM



Mary Rogers

Thanks Lisa. Also Burney gave his Mason's ring to your son. Hope he gets to wear it

Mary Rogers - March 29, 2019 at 12:55 PM



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Mary Rogers - March 29, 2019 at 01:01 PM



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Mom, I love you and I'm thinking of you during this difficult time. May your brother rest in peace as he joins your parents in everlasting eternity life.

Ginger Rogers - March 31, 2019 at 09:18 AM